

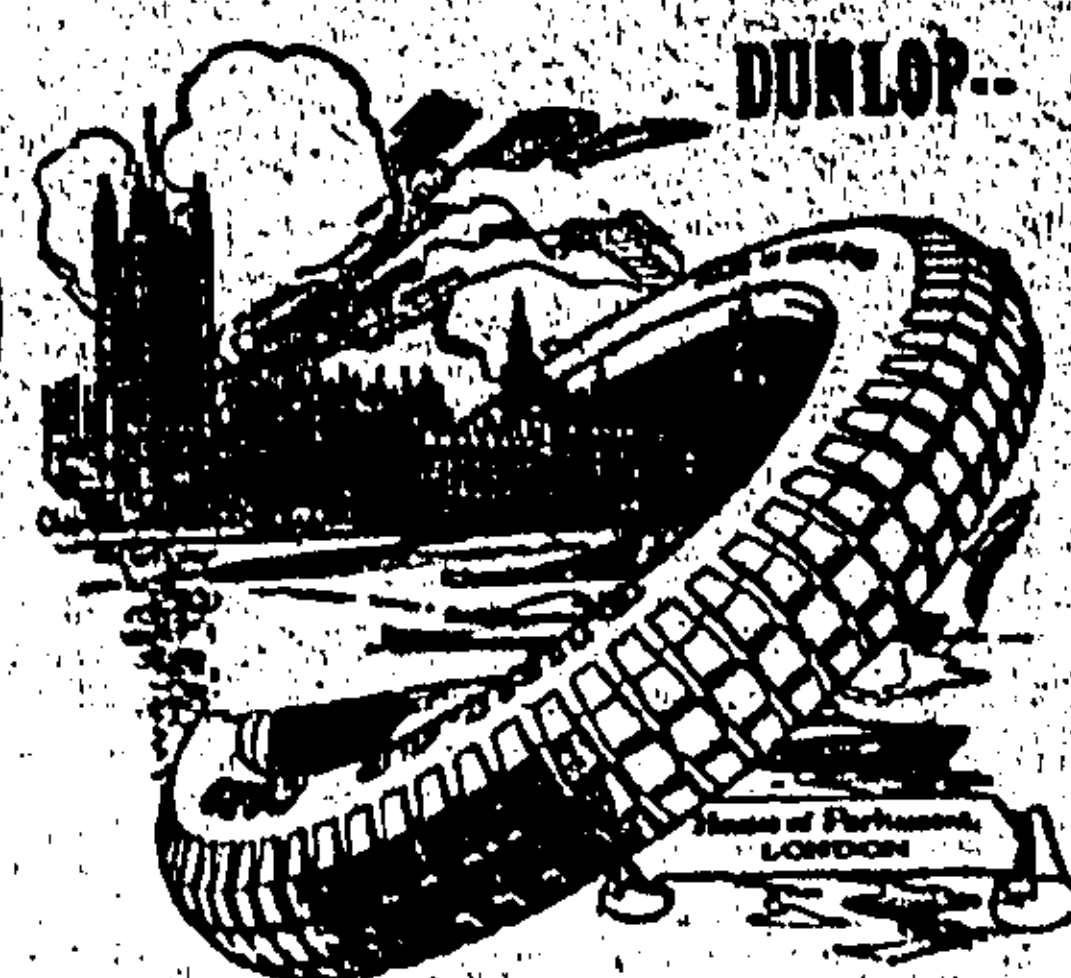
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EXCHANGE SLUMP FACTORS.

NEW VIEWPOINT BY IMPORTER.

EFFECTS OF CHINA PRODUCE DETERIORATION.

INDIA'S EXPERIENCE.

A somewhat new idea concerning the factors which have contributed to the fall of the tael in Shanghai and the dollar in Hongkong was put forward by a local importer in the course of an interview with the *Telegraph* this morning.

In the course of the interview, during which the manner in which India coped with a similar problem was analysed, our informant quoted the decline in the excellence of China's produce as one of the chief causes of the fall in exchange, and urged that her export trade must be revived if exchange is to be placed on a sounder footing.

Analogy With India.

At the present time, says our informant, with the dollar falling so rapidly, it may be of some use to recapitulate the similar state of affairs that took place in India during the years 1919-21. It is questionable if any great analogy exists between that situation and the present one in China, but, on the other hand, they are not completely dissimilar, and it may happen that there are points of similarity which will enable us to gauge the present situation in this country. In any case, it may be advisable to bring into perspective in the China situation an experience elsewhere and through which China herself had previously passed.

All through the war period, and especially the latter half, there was a great demand for Indian products from Britain, the Dominions and our Allies for such produce as jute and war-bags made therefrom, as well as tea, shellac, manila and other essential oils of rape, castor and linseed. Certainly several of India's markets, namely those in enemy countries, were closed to her, but this new demand more than balanced what she lost elsewhere. At the same time, she suffered restricted import trade owing to the inability of European countries to manufacture essential cargo.

Exchange Controlled.

This created a decided tendency for exchange to rise in favour of India, and there was the counter-balancing tendency caused by increased remittances which the Government had to make to Britain for war stores and as part of her contribution towards the cost of war generally. But, apart from those factors, the Indian Government decided to control exchange.

This control was continued for a number of months after the Armistice and until certain factors became operative which rendered any system of control no longer possible. At this time, it is well to remember, India was on the silver basis, and the rise in this metal alone was a considerable factor in tending to put up exchange in her favour.

Insatiable Demand.

But a further factor, and one which it is well to bear in mind, was this—that whilst she had been supplying the Allies with essential war materials, other of her customers had been obliged to be satisfied with considerably less Indian produce than they were ordinarily in the habit of purchasing, and so when India was again free to sell her produce, she at once met with an almost insatiable demand.

This demand took place at a time when most of her produce was being garnered, namely in the early spring of the year, and, in addition, there is little doubt that she had more than that season's crops to fall back upon. This allowed her to offer quick shipments and it actually resulted in very heavy shipments of Indian produce during the early part of 1919. (Continued on Page 7.)

MR. THOMAS'S NEW PROPOSALS.

SOMETHING QUITE UNIQUE ANTICIPATED.

BACKED BY THE BANKS

London, Jan. 9. Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Minister-in-Charge of Unemployment, will to-morrow deliver a speech at Manchester in which he is expected to make an important pronouncement on the problems which he is trying to solve.

Some of the daily newspapers forecast that proposals which have been discussed within a rigidly limited circle will be made public by Mr. Thomas and that these proposals will constitute something quite new to this country.

In effect, it is understood that Mr. Thomas will deal with the possibility of obtaining the assistance of the banks towards restoring the depressed basic industries, notably coal, steel, and textiles.

The *Daily News* speaks of the likelihood of the formation of an

NANKING AND THE SLUMP IN SILVER.

Concrete Measures Decided Upon By Government.

NO DETAILS DIVULGED.

Nanking, Jan. 10. The result of the proceedings at the emergency meeting of the Government, called for the special purpose of considering steps to deal with the chaos created by the slump in silver, has not been made public.

An official bulletin, however, states that the meeting decided upon concrete measures for dealing with the situation.

It was yesterday asserted in an official newspaper that the Government contemplated the abolition of the tael as a monetary standard, and the eventual adoption of a gold basis.—*Reuter*.

Industrial Finance Organisation.

backed by the strongest resources available, and says that Mr. Thomas is credited with the intention of reading a statement by Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England.

Liberal Pronouncements.

Interest also attaches to two forthcoming pronouncements by the Liberal leaders, Mr. Lloyd George and Viscount Grey.

Both are expected to deal with the Liberal relationships with the other parties, especially as they are affected by the position in Home and foreign politics.

Lord Grey will speak on Tuesday next as the leader of the Liberal Council, and Mr. Lloyd George on the day before Parliament re-assembles.—*British Wireless*.

SHANGHAI TELEPHONE CO. FOR SALE.

A COMMITTEE FORMED TO CONSIDER BIDS.

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Pursuant to the Amoy recommendations, a Committee has been formed to consider bids for the Shanghai Telephone Company, a municipal concern, run similarly to the Electricity Department, which was sold recently.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

NATIONAL PICTURE GALLERY.

PRINCE GEORGE OPENS NEW ANNEXE.

London, Jan. 9.

Prince George to-day performed the ceremony of opening an Annex to the National Gallery which has been erected by the generosity of Sir Joseph Duveen and is intended for the display of pictures of the Venetian School.—*British Wireless*.

PREMIER STIRS UP ACTIVITY.

PREPARING FOR NAVAL CONFERENCE.

MEETING WITH JAPANESE DELEGATION.

THE AMERICANS SAIL.

London, Jan. 9. The return of the Prime Minister to London from his holiday in Scotland was followed to-day by renewed political activities.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had consultations during the morning with Mr. Arthur Henderson, who goes to Geneva to-morrow to attend the meeting of the League of Nations Council. Mr. Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary for India, Mr. A. V. Alexander and Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Madden.

Preparations for the forthcoming naval conference were discussed.

Anglo-Japanese Talk.

This afternoon, the Japanese delegation to the Conference had their first interview with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. They visited the Prime Minister at No. 10, Downing Street on the Premier's invitation soon after his return.

The present intention is that nothing will be said about the Anglo-Japanese conversations.

The Japanese delegation, it is understood, will lunch with the Premier at Chequers on Saturday.—*British Wireless and Reuter*.

American Hopes High.

New York, Jan. 9. The American delegation to the London Naval Conference headed by Mr. H. L. Stimson sailed for England aboard the s.s. *George Washington* to-day.

Mr. Stimson, before sailing, declared that the delegation have high hopes of a successful result. The quay and the liner were crowded with friends and representatives of various peace organizations.

Senator Reed, one of the principal delegates, expressed his view that he was sure of the ultimate success of the conference because there had been less "diplomacy" exhibited than in any other international meeting.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Franco-Italian Difficulties.

Rome, Jan. 9. A Note by the French Government to the Italian Government rejects Italy's proposal for Franco-Italian naval parity and insists that limitation should be based on a statement by each Power outlining its construction programmes for the period covered by any agreement which may be reached in London.

Italy holds that the French proposal will inevitably lead to an increase, not a decrease in naval armaments, but hopes that her suggestions will meet with greater success in London.—*Reuter*.

British Delegation Appointed.

London, Jan. 9. The final constitution of the British delegation to the London Naval Conference was officially announced at Whitehall to-day.

The principal delegates will be: Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for India.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Acting as foreign expert advisers will be:

Sir Robert Vansittart, Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. H. B. Malkin, Legal Adviser to the Foreign Office.

Mr. R. L. Craigie, head of the American Department of the Foreign Office.

Hon. A.M.G. Cadogan, Adviser on League of Nations Affairs.

Admiralty Experts.

The Admiralty expert advisers will be:

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Madden, First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff.

Vice-Admiral Sir William Fisher, Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff.

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CHINA TELEGRAPH AMBITIONS.

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE CABLE COMPANIES.

NOT WILLING TO SELL.

Shanghai, Jan. 10. A good deal of publicity has been given of late to statements that the National Government contemplate taking over the cables operating in China, and the refusal of new contracts to the foreign companies.

The three foreign cable companies to-day issued a joint statement in Shanghai for the purpose of "refuting the misleading reports of China's intention not to renew the contracts."

The statement states clearly that no proposal has been received from the Chinese Government offering to purchase the cables.

Even assuming that China contemplates purchase, the statement continues, the proposition is absurd considering the complexity of the working of international

WILL GERMANY TEAR UP YOUNG PLAN?

France Considers It as a Possibility.

NOTES TO BE EXCHANGED.

The Hague, Jan. 9. M. Tardieu (the French Premier), M. Briand (the French Foreign Minister), Dr. Curtius (the German Foreign Minister) and Herr Wirth discussed the possibility of the German Government tearing up the Young Plan, which the French regard as possible, whilst the Germans scorn the idea.

It was decided that the point be covered in an exchange of Notes, the result of which will be embodied in the final Protocol of the Hague Conference.—*Reuter*.

SAMOAN SITUATION NOW QUIET.

MAU ADHERENTS FAIL TO OBEY ORDER.

Wellington, Jan. 9. A message from Apia states that the fifty-eight Samoans belonging to the Mau, who were called upon to meet the Administrator at Mulinu, have sent a letter giving certain reasons for not obeying the order.

The Mau adherents have entirely abandoned the Fagata and Vaimauga districts, as required, but are assembling at Leaviva and Solo-Solo.

No Mau uniforms were to be seen in Apia to-day, and the situation is all quiet.—*Reuter*.

NEW YORK SOCIETY WOMAN KILLED.

CRASHES IN PLANE WHILE FLYING SOLO.

New York, Jan. 9. Mrs. Eva Paris, a New York society woman, was killed to-day when an aeroplane in which she was flying crashed, falling into the marshes of the Satilla River in Georgia.

Mrs. Paris, who is the divorced wife of Mr. Rex Lee Paris, the son of John W. Paris, the millionaire banker, was flying solo. It is learned that she was flying to an aviation meeting at Miami when the tragedy occurred.—*Reuter's American Service*.

RELIABILITY TRIAL PROJECT.

TERRITORIES RUN FOR MOTOR-CYCLISTS.

TENTATIVE PLANS FOR DAY AND NIGHT RIDING.

AN ENDURANCE TEST.

Tentative plans have been drawn up by the Motor Cycle Section of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps for a motor cycle reliability trial something on the lines of the one successfully carried through two years ago. On that occasion, the course included several "Colonial" sections, all climbs and other similar tests of reliability.

For the trial now proposed it is suggested that it should be more in the nature of an endurance test, at the same time testing the reliability of machines to the utmost.

If plans are approved the first competitor off will leave Kowloon at midnight, the others following at specified intervals. They will proceed to make two complete circuits of the New Territory road, arriving at Castle Peak for breakfast. After a halt there competitors will probably make two more complete circuits of the New Territories, these latter laps, of course, being done in daylight.

230-mile Trip.

The proposal is subject to the necessary permission being secured from the Police authorities, and an application has been made for official approval of a trial on these lines.

It will be seen that if these tentative plans are approved, competitors will be required to travel a distance of over 200 miles. A system of checks similar to that operated in the trial in March 1927 will be instituted and it is possible that secret checks will be included in the course. The speed limit for the trial will be 20 miles an hour for both day and night laps and competitors' times will be accurately worked out to this speed.

One Tricky Section.

A proposal that one "Colonial" section should be included in the trial course has been made and a likely stretch of country is being investigated this week-end. Given the necessary Police approval, the exact course will be decided upon early next week.

Unlike the last trial, which was limited to certain sections of the community, the reliability trial now proposed will be open to all local motor cyclists. The prizes to be awarded will largely depend on the number of the competitors, but given good support the awards will most likely consist of silver cups. One will be devoted to the open section, another will be competed for only by members of the Motor Cycle Section and a third prize will be given to the winning team.

Tentative Date.

The tentative date for the trial is January 30, it being proposed that the first competitor should leave Kowloon on the first lap at midnight on this day. If this is carried out the first competitor would complete the course about midday on January 31. The date has been suggested in view of the fact that it falls during the Chinese New Year holidays.

It has not yet been decided whether combination outfits will be permitted to take part in the trial. This will depend on whether the "Colonial" section is included. If it is decided to limit the course to the ordinary motor roads, combination outfits will be allowed to enter.

In this event, passengers must be carried in the sidecars and only the competitor entering the machine will be permitted to drive.

Support Invited.

In order to cover the expenses of the trial and to provide suitable prizes an entrance fee of \$5 has been fixed. In addition competitors will be required to provide duplicate number plates, of a design laid down by the Committee.

The Organising Committee is anxious to discover whether the support accorded the last trial can be secured.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SHOULD EXTRALITY BE ABOLISHED?

FIVE POINTS TO GUIDE CHINA AND THE POWERS.

OFFICIAL ILLEGALITY.

[SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"]

Appended is the third and last instalment of our special article on the problems of extraterritoriality, and the sublime contempt of the Nationalists for the realities of the situation. Our contributor points out frankly the illegal burdens imposed by administrative officials on Chinese merchants and states that there is no assurance that foreign firms would be exempt from such extortion.

Five points are submitted for consideration in this all-important question. Our contributor urges the Powers to make every effort to meet Chinese susceptibilities, while suggesting that China, on her part, should take care that in changing the system her own interests be not jeopardised.

PRESENT TASK OF DIPLOMACY.

We turn now to another and perhaps more vital point—the relation of the foreigner to Chinese administrative officials. There have been so many repeated instances in recent years of administrative illegality that there is no need to labour the point that a foreign business would have to be an exceptionally flourishing concern to bear all the burdens of taxation and of interference which the officials would put on it.

Dr. Ho Shih has pointed out illegal actions of the government and its officials and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has himself voiced the general conviction that official life must be cleansed speedily.

Apart from such exactions as might be laid on trade there is the general feeling of insecurity which arises from the uncertainty of how many times in the year the same taxes would be levied or how many forced "loans" would have to be paid.

Common Abuses.

These are, at present, common abuses of Chinese life on which any Chinese merchant can wax eloquent.

Every local or national civil war has to be paid for by the Chambers of Commerce, and sometimes the continued levies of succeeding commanders are crippling. It is little to the point to say that the nation is unified. It is to be hoped that it is, but these things are still happening.

Extra-Official Bodies.

Apart from administrative irregularities, there remains the problem of the activity and powers of the extra-official political bodies.

At present the several grades of Kuomintang branches run parallel with the government yamens.

They have the right of interference with the administrative officials, though to an undefined extent.

Their influence on the courts of justice, as well as on matters of taxation would be great.

If some semi-political question arose their attitude might tell heavily against an individual or a firm.

More dangerous still is the possible action of such bodies as the boycott committees which functioned during the boycotts against the British and the Japanese.

Unscrupulous Leaders.

Foreigners were amazed at the powers of these committees. Formed of violent and unscrupulous men, without a shadow of right in law, they nevertheless exercised the rights of search of premises, of confiscation of goods, of arrest of the person, and of inflicting fines. Persons judged by them to have offended against the boycott were hauled through the streets and placed in the pillory and could neither appeal to the police nor subsequently claim any redress.

No-one, while the boycott was on, could bring any pressure to bear on them. They were above the law. The fate of foreigners

under such a system would be parlous.

It is with no pleasure that attention is here drawn to these facts of Chinese legal, administrative and political life. Everyone knows that Chinese life in spite of these conditions has a remarkable way of carrying on, and everyone knows that the Chinese as a people are a delightful folk to be amongst.

But that there is entirely inadequate security for life and property that Chinese citizens live under continual stress, and that there is a fertile side to them, covered by the practice of ages, by a great facility for concealing their meaning in their speech, no-one would deny.

The incurable indirectness of Chinese speech and negotiation compared with the plain talk, meant to be taken at its face value, which is largely characteristic of foreigners, is one of the most fruitful sources of misunderstanding between the two.

It is essential to take all this into account in any consideration of the question of extraterritoriality.

No Real Abrogation?

It is, however, most unlikely that any real abrogation of extraterritoriality which does not make provision for some alternative system, at least for a period of years, will come into force. Unqualified abolition could not be allowed to pass by the nations.

It is more profitable to consider what system can replace it, and this is the present task of diplomacy.

It is no easy one. For both civil and criminal cases in which foreigners are concerned it would seem that for some time there must, as has been suggested, be some system of special courts. Sir Austen's Chamberlain's memorandum seemed to contemplate the use of the new Chinese codes in these courts, and probably all parties feel that the actual code is of less importance than its certain and sound administration.

Administration.

The problem of administration seems to be more difficult. China has so far no system of taxation. That is to say, what is systematically levied is only a small proportion of what is levied. Nor is it clear on what authority levies are made. The present reconstruction of so many ports and cities has raised prominently the right of authorities to expropriate property owners for the purpose of making public improvements. Chinese owners receive only nominal compensation, and many have been ruined by the demands made on them, as others have grown rich on unearned increment.

These questions and that of the right of party organisations and of extra-legal bodies such as the boycott committees would have to be considered.—*(Continued on Page 12)*

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MR. EDWARD BOK.

DEATH OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN EDITOR.

Lake Wales, Florida, Jan. 9. The death has occurred of the distinguished editor, Mr. Edward Bok—*Reuter's American Service.*

Edward Bok, the American journalist, was born in Holland in October 1863. His father emigrated to the U.S. in 1870. At the age of 10 he began to earn money, as his parents were poor. He cleaned a grocer's windows every evening and got 2/- a week, then made 10/- as a newsboy and on Saturdays earned another 10/- by selling lemonade to people on trams. When he was 13, his father died. He left school and became a telegraph boy at 26/- a week, also working overtime on all kinds of jobs and half-starving himself so that he could save money to buy an encyclopedia. From this he obtained his education. After reading about famous men he wrote to some of them to see if they would reply. As a result he got letters from President Garfield, Longfellow, Whittier and Tennyson. When he was 18, he paid visits to notable Americans—the President, Emerson, Longfellow, O.W. Holmes and Phillips Brooks.

At 19 he became secretary to Jay Gould, the millionaire, who promised to make him rich, but he resigned to go into journalism, his chief work being to secure articles by great men for the daily press. After doing this for a year he noticed that few women were interested in newspapers and decided to find out why. The answer made him rich and famous. He persuaded several papers to start a women's page in 1883. After he had worked with two publishing firms, becoming advertising manager of Scribner's, the success of his *Syndicate Press* led to his being offered by Cyrus Curtis (whose daughter he afterwards married) the editorship of the *Ladies Home Journal*, which then had a circulation of 445,000. When he resigned in 1919, its circulation was 2,000,000 and it had \$200,000 a month. His first step was to offer prizes for suggestions from readers. He published "heart-to-heart talks" and engaged a doctor to give advice to young mothers. More than 90,000 babies were reared on the advice given by his paper. He also had a large staff answering questions by post and they dealt with 1,000,000 a year. Better housing was encouraged by the publication and sale of plans. His attempts to end the domination of Paris fashions, however, failed, as did his campaign against the wearing of cigarettes. During the war he mobilised his readers on the side of the Allies. In 1917 he went to the front himself.

At the age of 56 he retired to spend the rest of his life in public service. His book, "The Americanisation of Edward Bok", won the Pulitzer Prize for the best biography. In 1923 he created the American Peace Award, providing \$100,000 for the best practicable plan by which the U.S. might cooperate with other nations to achieve and preserve world-peace, half to be paid on acceptance of the plan by a jury and half on its acceptance by the Senate. The prize was won by Dr. C. A. Liversmore of the New York Peace Society. Bok has written several books, including "Why I believe in Poverty," "Successors," "The Young Man in Business," "You: a Personal Message," "Dollars Only," "America, Give Me a Chance" and "Twice Thirty."

Mr. Frank Hobbs.

News was received in the Colony yesterday of the death, in Shanghai, of Mr. Frank Hobbs, son of Mrs. Gellion, of Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon.

The late Mr. Hobbs, who was 36 years of age and who passed away at the General Hospital, Shanghai, was a Hongkong boy, being educated at the Kowloon British School. He was a well-known tennis player and was at one time on the Committee of the now defunct Wigram Tennis Club. He also played at the K.C.C., and was at that time one of the most promising of local players.

After leaving school, he was in the shipping office of Messrs.

BLAZE OF TAR.

OVER 1,000 GALLONS BURNED AT SHAIKIWAN.

Over 1,000 gallons of tar was destroyed in a fire which broke out at ShaiKIwan, about half past seven last night, at the Government Quarry. The outbreak occurred consequent to the over-bolting of the tar, and when the flames spread the Chinese guards at the Quarry raised an alarm. The workers tried to subdue the fire by putting sand over the flames, but their efforts proved unsuccessful. There were well over 2,000 gallons of tar stored at the quarry.

Two fire engines were sent immediately upon receipt of a telephone call from ShaiKIwan, one engine being sent from the Central Station under the charge of Mr. G. C. Moss and a number of officers. For over an hour the fire continued to rage, and it was not fully controlled until nine o'clock.

When the No. 11 fire engine was returning to its station, and while approaching the work-shop of the Tsang Fook Piano Company, where the road is narrow and a little steep, the engine swerved, to avoid a passing tram-car, and had a narrow escape from striking the stone platform of the Tsang Fook factory. The sudden turn caused some trouble to develop in the engine, which took the firemen some time to fix before it could proceed back to the Station.

CASE DISMISSED.

A QUESTION OF IMPORTING CIGARETTES.

What promised to be a long and interesting case was brought to an abrupt close by Mr. Grantham, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when he quashed the prosecution against two Chinese who were charged with importing cigarettes without a licence on various dates and further with taking the cigarettes without a removal licence.

The case opened on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Exports and Imports Department, conducted the prosecution, and called certain evidence to show that no less than 102,000 cigarettes were imported from a junk from Swatow, whilst further testimony by the principal tenant of No. 15, Winglok Street, showed that the defendants had resided there for the past two months.

Yesterday, Mr. Grantham asked if the prosecution had any more witnesses to call, and Mr. Lloyd replied that he had the Interpreter.

The magistrate, however, said that there had been no evidence to connect the two defendants with the allegations, and the case would be dismissed.

Shewan, Tomes and Co., later joining Messrs. Moller and Company, and subsequently the Prince Line. For some years past he has been working in Shanghai, but will be remembered by a wide circle of friends here by whom the news of his death will be learned with regret.

NEW MOTOR TRACK.

BIG SCHEME FOR HIGH SPEED RECORD-MAKING.

London, Jan. 9. The newly-formed Automobile Racing Association, after a long search in various parts of the world for a natural track of sufficient length to allow of high speed trials, has put forward a scheme, which was inquired into yesterday by a representative of the Board of Trade, to build a motor racing track between Boston and Skegness, along the foreshore of the Wash.

The famous racing motorist, Captain Malcolm Campbell, has come to the conclusion that the top speed has now been reached on natural tracks, and that the only hope of higher speed records depends on the construction of such a course as this, which will be about 15 miles long, or half as long again as the track on Daytona Sands, and will have a surface not subject to variations which tide and wind produce on the sands.

Earl Howe, the well-known motorist, supporting the proposal, said the scheme would provide work for 2,000 men for two years. The cost is estimated at between £300,000 and £600,000.—*British Wireless.*

TEMPLE ROBBED.

FOUR MEN CARRY OUT RAID IN SHEUNG SHUI.

A robbery occurred early yesterday morning, about one o'clock in the village of Sheung Shui. According to the Police report, four robbers entered a Chinese temple, whose sole occupant was a Chinese woman. One of the robbers was acting as guard at the threshold, while the three others bound their victim before proceeding with a systematic search. The robbers took away \$20 in money, some clothing and 17 chickens.

It was not until four o'clock yesterday morning that the woman was able to report the outrage at the Sheung Shui Police Station, stating that the desperadoes were between 20 to 22 years old, except one of them who was about 50 years old.

AIR SPEED RECORD.

FRENCH AND ITALIAN ATTEMPTS TO BE MADE.

London, Jan. 9. News has been received in London that Italy and France are ready to attack the world's air speed record of 357.7 miles an hour at present held by Britain.

For the French attempt, a monoplane equipped with an engine of 2,000 h.p. has been specially built, and the Italians are to use one of the machines constructed for the recent Schneider Trophy contest.

Britain is preparing to challenge any new record that may be made. Two seaplanes, yet untried, are being modified to obtain still greater speed.—*British Wireless.*

INDIAN ASPIRATIONS.

LORD RUSSELL EXPLAINS HIS STATEMENT.

London, Jan. 9. As a brief summary of the speech made by Lord Russell, the Under-Secretary for India, at a small Labour Party meeting during the week-end, has given rise to criticism and misunderstanding in India, Lord Russell has issued a statement as follows:

"The summary of my speech made to India has been so abridged as to make it most misleading. A fuller report would convince even my worst critics that I pleaded for co-operation in the best interests of England and India. My whole speech was devoted to explaining the position in India to those Britons who had not time to make a study of it. I never used the phrase, 'Dominion status is not possible for a long time.' What I actually said was that the evolution of democratic institutions had taken a long time in our own country, and even now was not perfect. I hoped that with the co-operation of Indians we might be able to evolve a workable scheme in the best interests of all, and in this matter the Labour Party was absolutely sincere. I hope my Indian friends will not be misled by such misleading reports. I deplore the attitude of Congress as much as I deplore the attitude of the Tories, and the press, who are causing my present embarrassment, and I trust my Indian friends will rally round the proposals of Lord Irwin, than whom there is no better friend of India."—*British Wireless.*

NEW LOCOMOTIVE.

BRITISH ENGINEER USES WATER TUBE BOILER.

London, Jan. 9. Much interest among engineers is being displayed in the huge new locomotive of the London and North-Eastern Railway, of revolutionary design, which yesterday successfully underwent its first trial trip, piloted by its designer, Mr. H. N. Gresley, the railway company's chief mechanical engineer. The weight of the engine and tender is 160 tons, and it is capable of exceptional speeds. For the first time, a water tube boiler has been used on a railway engine, resulting in 20 per cent. economy in fuel consumption.—*British Wireless.*

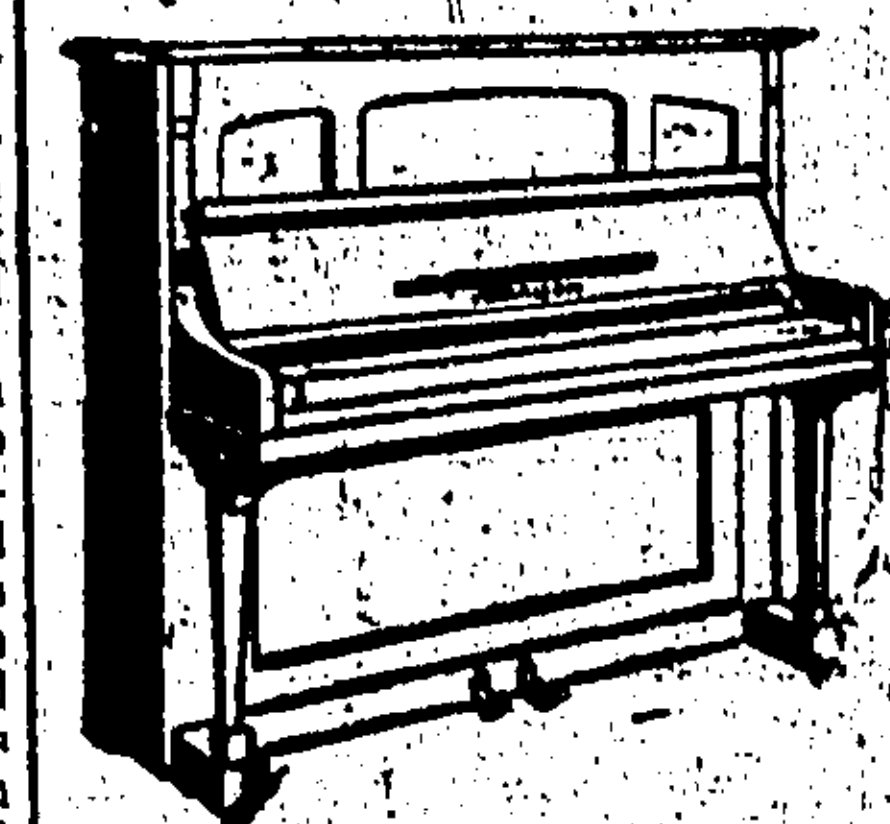
SHANGHAI SUICIDE.

CHINESE WHO SPECULATED IN GOLD BARS.

Shanghai, Jan. 9. A tragic note in the slump of silver was struck last night, when Mr. Sze Chu-yu, a nephew of Dr. Atreia Sze, committed suicide following the loss of \$200,000 through speculation in gold bars.

A Nanking message states that according to the Government's financial experts, the immediate loss to the Government as a result of the silver slump exceeds \$10,000,000.—*Reuter.*

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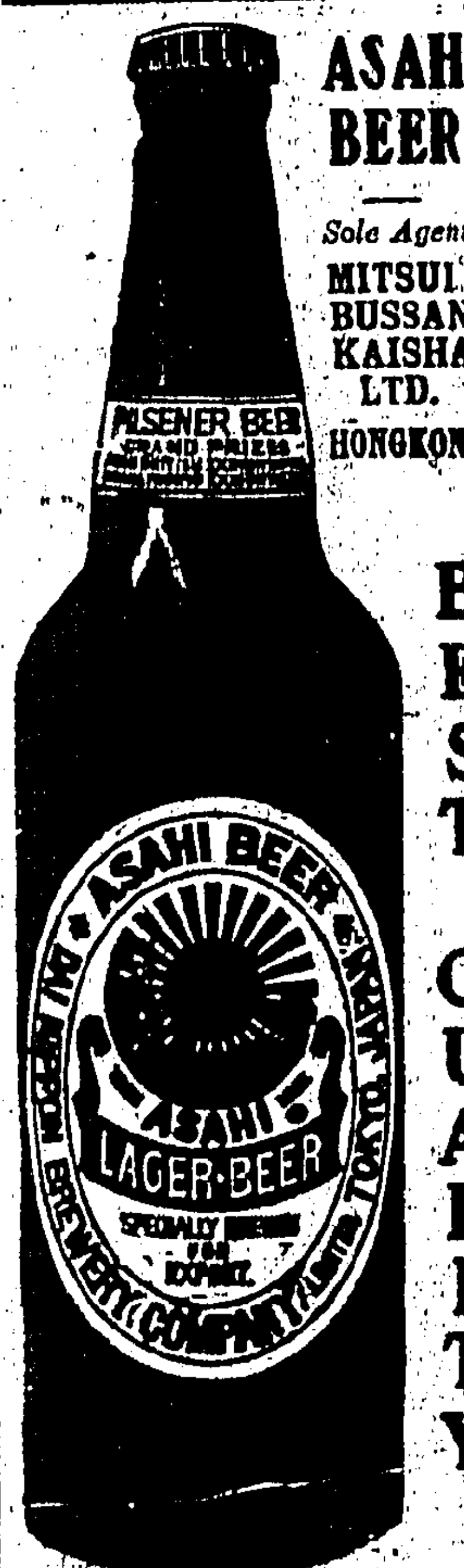
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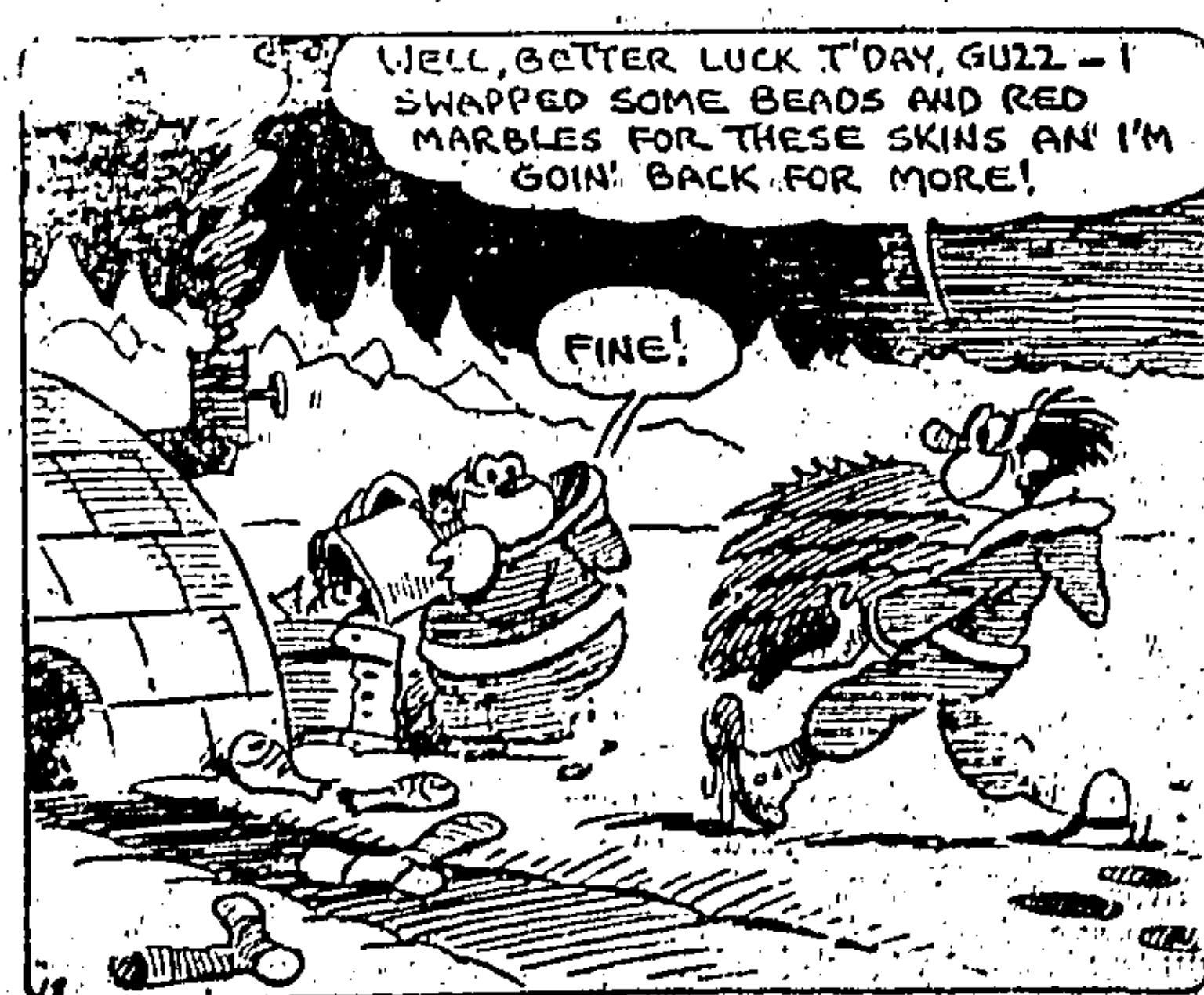
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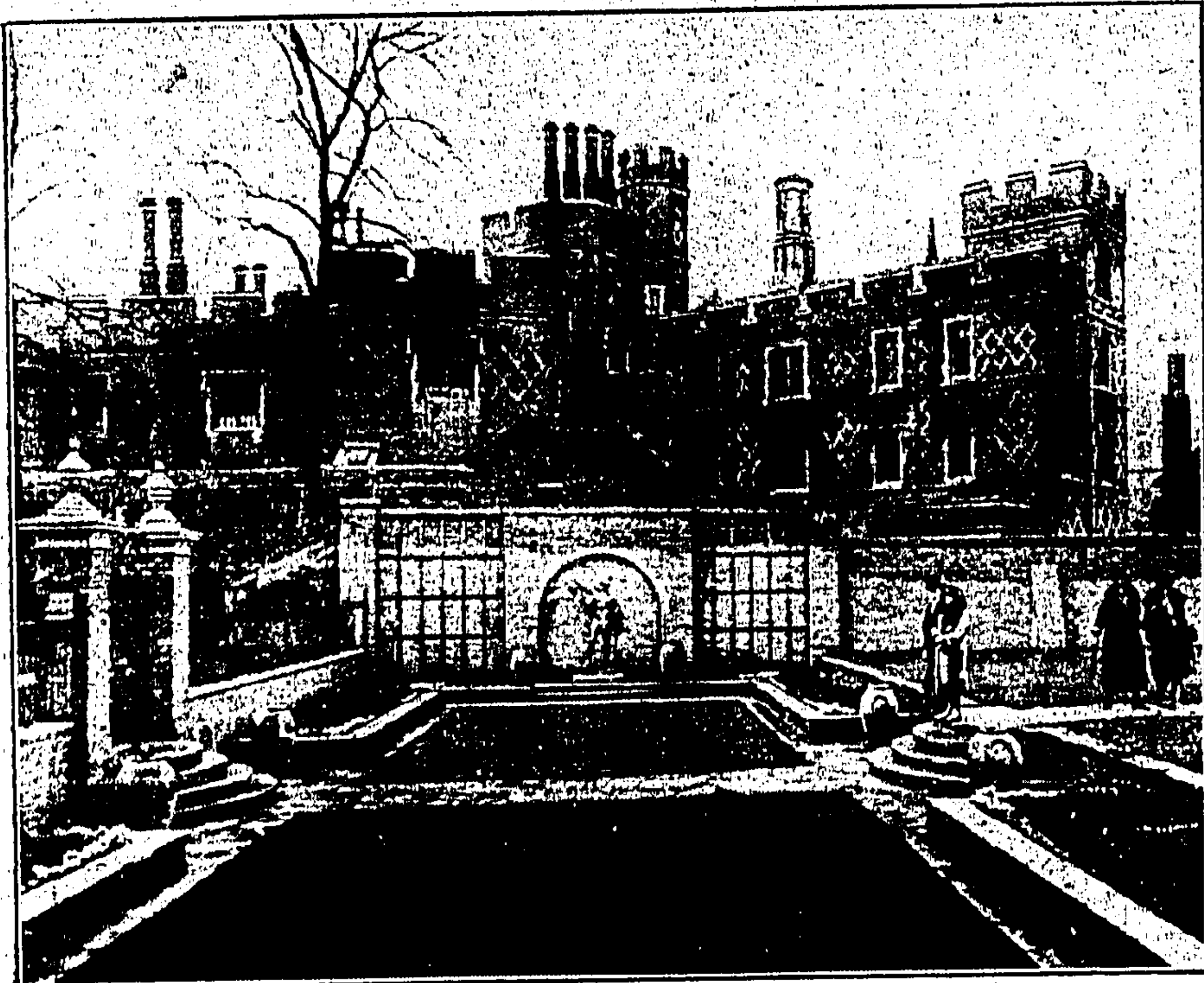


Spell It, Sam



By Small





A view of the old English sunken garden which has just been completed at Eton. It takes the place of a high wall which formerly hid the view of the Provost's garden and part of the school buildings from the College Field. The new garden has been presented by the King of Siam, who went to Eton as a boy. (Times copyright).



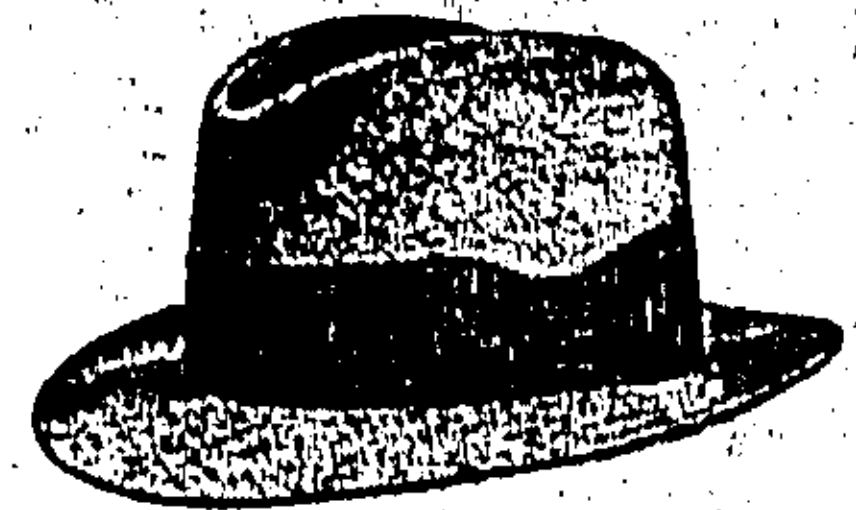
Yanagi-san, dancer from the Imperial Theatre, Tokyo, who plans to give several performances in Shanghai.

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In vivid contrast with representatives of the so-called advanced stages of existence, the youthful primitive tribes in the International Pageant recently held in Shanghai were of interest. Divested of their clubs and furs, they were International Boy Scouts.



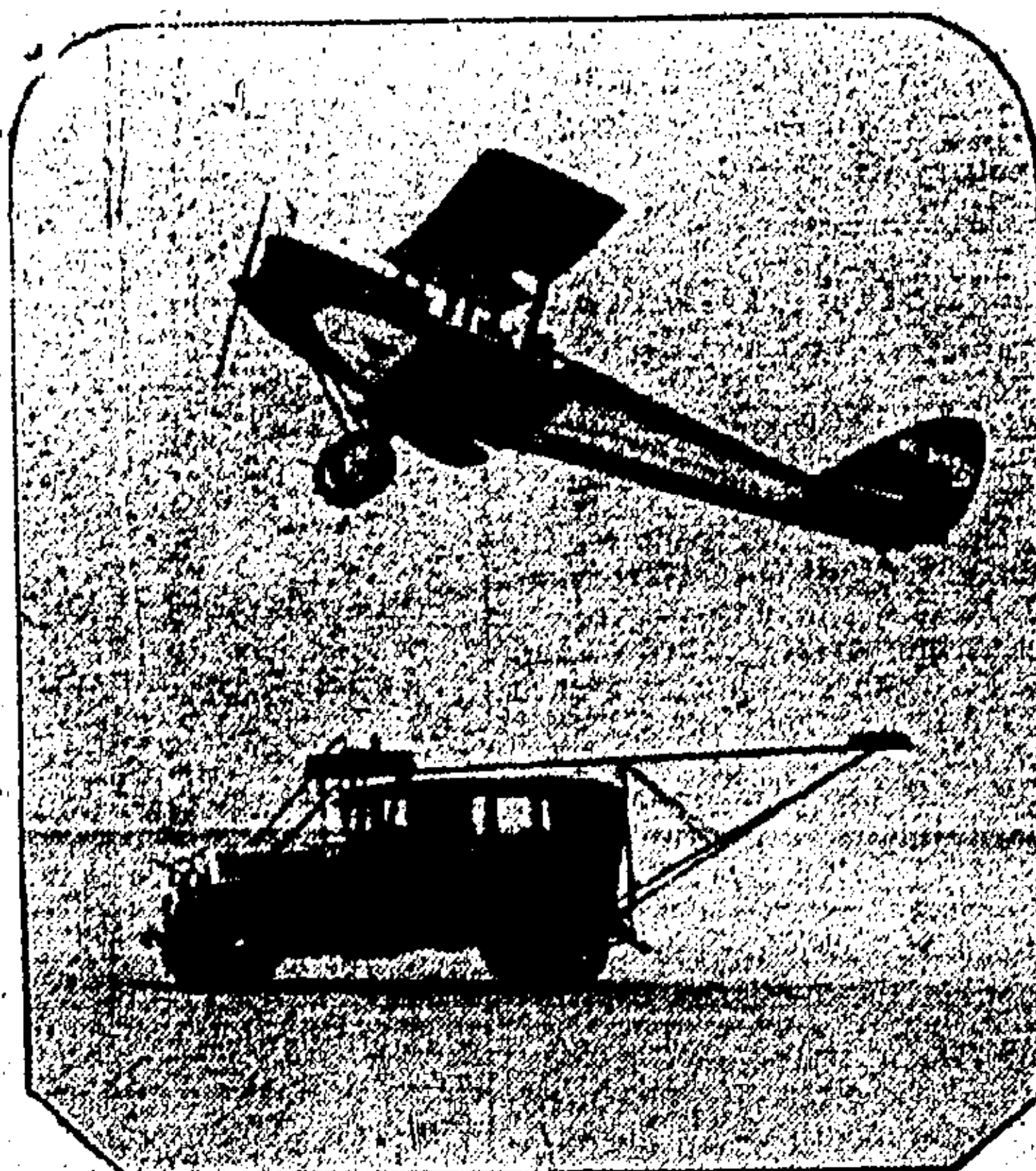
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald ready for a State occasion. He is now preparing for the Naval Conference.



Secretly wedded in New York recently, our picture shows Dr. Edmund Stinner, eldest son of the late Hugo Stinnes, reputedly a fabulously wealthy, and his wife, formerly Miss Marga von Gnevernitz. She is the daughter of a former president of the Reichstag.



Symbolising wings, above is a picture of members of the Japanese group, who were outstanding in the recent International Pageant at the Shanghai Town Hall.



A remarkable picture showing an aeroplane being launched from the top of a motor-car. The experiment was carried out in connexion with tests for avoiding long runways.



Directors of the Casino were hosts at a dinner party given on the occasion of the joint meeting of the Casino and Luna Park, Shanghai, recently.

At Lane, Crawford's restaurant this week, the—Ovaltine Demonstrators are it attendance to mix and serve Ovaltine for everyone who wishes to try this delicious tonic food beverage.

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WANTED.—To hire matched, at Repulse Bay, or elsewhere for the summer months. Write quoting terms to Box No. 614, Hongkong Telegraph.

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Britisher seeks position as storekeeper, wharfinger or construction work, speaks Chinese, out-ports no object. Immune from the "squeeze" or "booze" complaint, cash security if required. Exemplary character. None but reputable firms need reply. Box No. 613, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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NOTICE

The undermentioned Cargo has been lying at Messrs. Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, undelivered, and unless delivery is taken or claimed on or before 31st January, 1930, Consignees and/or others interested therein are hereby notified that same will be sold by Public Auction to defray storage and other charges due.

Bill of Lading.	Mark & Numbers.	Description of cargo.	ex S.S.
Antwerp, No. 1	W	10 Cases Window Glass	"City of Tokio"
"	"	2 " Plate	arrived 16.7.29
No. 2	"	9 pkgs. Dismantled Trucks	do
"	"	4 " Turn Tables	do
No. 4	White	3240 Pices Raily.	do
"	R.C.L.	162 Bundles Fish Plate.	do
"	Hongkong	3 Cases Gramps	do
"	"	24 Bags Bolls.	do

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New Advertisements

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

Members are notified that Booking for the Dinner-dance to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on 17th January, is now open at the office in the main entrance of the Hong Kong Hotel, where they may purchase their tickets and reserve seats.

C.P. MARCEL, Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Annual Race Meeting.

22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th February & 1st March, 1930.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms are now ready and may be obtained upon application to the Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1930.

BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.

OPENING OF SAIWAN CAMP.

The Steam Launch "SHUN LEE" will leave Murray Pier for Saiwan Bay at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 11th. Wolf Cubs, Brownies, and the smaller Scouts and Guides can be accommodated, also a few Officers-in-Charge and friends, provided that the total number does not exceed 130 persons.

Trams run to Shaikwan and back every four minutes during the day, starting at Western Market.

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RIFLE SHOOTING

A meeting of all interested in Rifle Shooting will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on

Wednesday, 15th January, 1930 at 5.30 p.m.

for the purpose of reviving THE HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE, particularly with a view to entering for the Interport Shoot.

BUSINESS:—Passing of Accounts, Election of Officers, Programme for 1930.

F. WYLIE, Chairman (pro. tem.) January 9th, 1930.

MAJESTIC THEATRE.

"THE PATENT LEATHER KID."

Flanders' field of poppies, the teeming East Side of New York, the trenches and barbed-wire entanglements of No Man's Land, New York cabarets, boxing arenas, night life, and field hospitals behind the front are all in First National's big super-spectacle, "The Patent Leather Kid," now playing at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon.

Every resource of the production department at First National was called into service for this great film epic, starring Richard Barthelmess. Months of research work were required by the crew of technical experts employed for the picture.

The result is one of the greatest war pictures ever made. In addition, the story of "The Patent Leather Kid," the East Side boxer who was drafted against his wishes, and who emerged from the war a hero, is one of the greatest stories ever written with a war background.

Molly O'Day, who plays opposite Barthelmess, is acclaimed a screen find as a result of her work in this picture.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page. TENT, SENT, SEAT, SLAT, SLOT, SLOW, SHOW.

Lammert's Auctions

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

ACTION NO. 8 OF 1928.

BETWEEN

TAK ON TONG alias CHEUNG TAK ON Plaintiff

AND

THE CHING SHAN BRICKS MANUFACTURING CO. LAI HIN MAN and TSOI PO TIN partners therein Defendants.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Quantity of Antimony and Cloisonne Ware, Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

ACROBATS COMING.

TREAT AT THE QUEEN'S FROM MONDAY.

As an added attraction for next week, the Queen's Theatre management will be presenting W. Bakhtman and Miss Olga Vorobieva, Europe's dare-devil acrobats, to act on the stage.

Hongkong has never seen such graceful and daring acrobatic posing as displayed by Bakhtman and his partner. The act will be in three parts; the first acrobatic posing, when Bakhtman and his partner will perform in the centre of the stage. Their posing is wonderful and both must be endowed with tremendous strength to do it so gracefully. The second, Bakhtman shows his physical development by controlling his muscles. In the last act, Miss Olga Vorobieva dances most gracefully.

The two artists have performed in Shanghai before packed houses, and their acts are worthy of much praise.

SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1945 a.
Chartered Bank, 118 a.
Mercantile & B., \$304 a.
East Asia \$95 b.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$745 b.
Union Ins., \$372 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$1 n.
China Fire, \$32 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$-20 b.
Shipping.
Douglas, \$251 a.
H. K. Steam, \$271 n.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats \$234 b.
Mining.
Benquo, \$470 b.
Kallans, 55 n.
Langkots, Tls. 1361 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 130 n.
Rauha, \$150 b.
Troncha, 217 b.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$144 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$304 sa.
China Provident, \$565 s.
Hongkew, Tls. 190 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 750 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 166 b.
Cottons.
Two Cottons, Tls. 1610 s.
Oriental, Tls. 230 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 83 (old) b.
Land, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$124 b.
H. K. Lands, \$65 b.
Shai Lands, Tls. 161 n.
Humphreys, \$14 b.
Realities, \$8.90 s.
Chinese Estates \$98 s.
Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$19 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$71 n.
China Lights, (old) \$18.90 s.
H. K. Electric, \$70 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones \$9.30 b.
China Buses, Tls. 155 b.
Singapore Traction, 10/- s.
Industrials.
China Sugars, \$1 n.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald: Macao Ord., Tls. 11 n.
Canton Icos, \$250 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$14.60 b.
Ropes \$7.90 s.
United Alaboston \$5 b.
Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$21 s.
Watsons, \$114 s.
Dor A. Wings, \$80 s.
Lane Crawford, \$2 b.
Mackintosh, \$18 b.
Sincorox, \$12 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$28 b.
Constructions, \$13 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 61%
H. K. G. Loan 4 1/2% a. Prom.

"EVANGELINE."

EXCELLENT PICTURE AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

The critics, surfeited with the variety of the material with which they have been provided since motion picture production has become essentially an art, may condemn "Evangeline," which opened a "three days" run at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, as containing more than a just proportion of sentimentalism. But Longfellow's epic poem is meant to be a tender portrayal of the surpassing love which has made the characters of the story well-known to millions of men, women and children all over the world. The producers have made a laudable endeavour to instill the spirit of the poem into the picture version, and have surely succeeded, sparing apparently no expense or labour in the making.

Accurate in setting and faithful in its following of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's stirring account of the Acadians and Evangeline, the fairest and most courageous maid of Grand Pre, it can be believed that "Evangeline" is one of the most pretentious epics of the screen, combining romance, pathos, surging drama with a basis of fact, and photographic beauty unparalleled. Embracing all of the tender romance of "Ramona" and the stark realism and tragic drama of "Resurrection," "Evangeline" should surpass any vehicle Miss Del Rio has ever had in honest entertainment value.

"Synchronized, but not a talking picture," "Evangeline" also presents Miss Del Rio's appealing singing as well as the best of her pantomimic art, and among her songs are a chansonette by Marie Antoinette, sung in French and Al Jolson's refreshing ballad "Evangeline." Roland Drew, seen in "Ramona," Alec B. Francis, Donald Reed, Paul McAllister, James Marcus, George Marion, Louis Payne, Lee Shumway and Bobb Mack head the swarming cast which numbers several thousands of people.

A single setting for one "Evangeline" episode is said to cost more than \$100,000 and among the picturesque backgrounds are two huge English frigates of the late 18th century. The picture is being shown until Saturday.

LOCAL WILLS.

CHINESE ESTATES IN HONGKONG.

Hongkong estate to the value of \$68,300 was left by Tsang Yung-yung, otherwise Chung Yow-yung, alias Tsang Man-kwong, alias Tsang Mun-kwong, otherwise Chang Mun-kwong, who died on or about February 25, 1929 at No. 126, Main Street, Shaikwan East. Probate has been granted to Tsang Ip-shi (fifth concubine) and Tsang Yunk-fuk (son) both living at the Shaikwan address, and Tsang Ng-shi (seventh concubine) living at No. 29, Hollywood Road. The bequests include sums of \$1,500 to be given to each son to defray his marriage expenses and life annuities of \$1,200 to each of the executrices. Testator further directs that his burial expenses shall not exceed \$500.

Loo Fook-chor, alias Loo Hau-cheung, merchant, who died at No. 4, Yeung Chung Street, Canton, on December 31, 1928, left Hongkong estate worth \$10,100 which, testator declares in his will, is to be administered according to Chinese law and customs. Probate has been granted to Loo Ka-luen and Loo Ka-hui, medical practitioners (eldest and second sons respectively) who are temporarily living at Nos. 41 and 43 Wing Lok Street.

KEROSENE DANGER STRESSED.

HARBOUR MASTER ISSUES A WARNING.

When the master of a trading junk was brought before Command. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, on a charge of mooring his boat at Shaikwan with 25 tins of kerosene on board instead of at the Dangerous Goods Anchorage, his Worship said the defendant's offence might have involved the loss of several lives, and he had to take a serious view of the case.

In imposing a fine of \$100, with the alternative of two months' hard labour, his Worship issued a warning that the next person brought before him on the same charge would be fined \$200.

Members of the Hongkong Automobile Association are notified in an advertisement appearing in this issue that booking for the dinner dance to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on January 17 is now open at the office in the main entrance of the Hongkong Hotel.

Government passengers leaving for Home on the P. and O. Khiva sons respectively) who are temporarily living at Nos. 41 and 43 Wing Lok Street.

Messrs. W. Mair, Leonard Mair and Alex. Cameron of the Police.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Straits	Kidderpore	January 10
London parcels, 5th Dec. & Straits	Hector	January 11
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers, London 12th December 1929)	Talmu	January 11
U.S.A. (San Francisco 15th Dec. 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Polk	January 11
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning	January 11
Shanghai	Lahore	January 11
Manila	Pres. Jackson	January 12
Canada (Victoria 21st Dec., 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	January 13
U.S.A. (San Francisco 15th Dec. 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft	January 13
U.S.A. (San Francisco 15th Dec. 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Korea Maru	January 13
Japan and Shanghai	Angers	January 14
Australia and Manila	Kaga Maru	January 16
Japan and Shanghai	Khiva	January 17
Straits	Haruna Maru	January 19

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Fri., Jan. 10, 4 p.m.
Formosa	Sourabaya Maru	Fri., Jan. 10, 4.30 p.m.
Japan	Kidderpore	Fri., Jan. 10, 5 p.m.
Hai Phong and Tourane	G. G. Merila	Fri., Jan. 10, 5 p.m.
*Europe via Siberia	Kidderpore	Fri., Jan. 10, 5 p.m.

Letters 6 p.m.
Registration Jan. 10, 4.30 p.m.
Letters Jan. 11, 9 a.m.
G. P. O.
Registration Jan. 11, 8.45 a.m.
Letters Jan. 11, 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 15th February.)
Tilharung Sat., Jan. 11, 9.50 a.m.
Wing Wo Sat., Jan. 11, 1 p.m.
China Jolson Sat., Jan. 11, 3.30 p.m.

	G. P. O.	
	Registration Jan. 11, 8.45 a.m.	
	Letters	Jan. 11, 9.30 a.m.
	(Duo Marseilles 9th February).	
Java via Batavia	Tilkarang	Sat., Jan. 11, 9.30 a.m.
Port Bayard	Wing Wo	Sat., Jan. 11, 1 p.m.
Saloon	China Jolson	Sat., Jan. 11, 3.50 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,		
East and South Africa	Lahore	Sat., Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Taiyuan	Sat., Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Polk	Sat., Jan. 11, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Jan. 12, 9 a.m.
Haitow and Bangkok	Chinhua	Sun., Jan. 12, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon., Jan. 13, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia	Mon., Jan. 13, 3.30 p.m.

Swatow and Amoy U.S.A., *Canada, Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *Central and *South America and *Europe via San Francisco Pres. Jackson Mon., Jan. 13, 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
(Due San Francisco 5th February.)
Shanghai and *Japan Mishima Maru Mon., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia Pres. Jackson Mon., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
Registration 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.

	(Due San Francisco 5th February):	
*Shanghai and *Japan	Mishima Maru	Mon, Jan, 13, 5 p.m.
*Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jackson	Mon, Jan, 13
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Weihaioei	Kueichow	Tues, Jan, 14, 8.30 a.m.
*Manila, Australia and New Zealand		
via Thursday Island	Tai ping	Tues, Jan, 14
	Parcels	Mon, 13th, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Tues, 14th, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Tues, 14th, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 25th Jan.)	

Angers Tues., Jan. 14, 1 p.m.
Registration 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
G.P.O.
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 14th February.)
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow Haiyang Tues., Jan. 14, 1 p.m.
Manila President Taft

	Letters	G.P.O.	1.15 p.m.
	Registration		1.45 p.m.
	Letters		2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 14th February.)		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., Jan. 14, 1 p.m.	
Manila	President Taft		
		Tues., Jan. 14, 4.30 p.m.	
Swatow	Foo Shing	Tues., Jan. 14, 5 p.m.	
Foochow	Wai Shing	Tues., Jan. 14, 6 p.m.	
Singon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. and			

Japan and *Europe via Siberia Kaga Maru Fri., Jan. 17, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Khiva Sat., Jan. 18, 9 a.m.
Registration Jan. 18, 9 a.m.
Letters Jan. 18, 10 a.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Jan. 17, 5 p.m.
Registration Jan. 18, 9.15 a.m.
Letters Jan. 18, 10.30 a.m.
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LA BOHEME

Friday, January 17th

RIGOLETTO

Saturday, January 18th

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Sunday, January 19th

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Monday, January 20th

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Tuesday, January 21st

FAUST

Wednesday, January 22nd

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Wherever Baby's Own Tablets are tried they never fail to satisfy the need of a safe, sure remedy for the treatment of children's stomach, bowel and teething troubles. For example a thankful mother living at Masboro, in Yorkshire, England, writes:—

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WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.



On the left is pictured a brown hat dress coat with a cap collar that floats out from under a wide standing collar of natural lynx. The jersey tweed coat in the centre also has an attached capelet, with which is worn a stock scarf and a brimmed brown hat. The model on the right is wearing a pretty feminine coat and muff ensemble with the coat's cape collar outlined with the curly caracul of the muff and cuffs.

Distinctive Table Decoration.

[BY ANN MEARS.]

It is in her table decoration that the woman with original and artistic ideas gets the opportunity of showing her taste and ingenuity.

Have you ever thought out a black and white scheme? Unusual for a table, perhaps, but remarkably effective. White flowers, of any variety, liberally interspersed with asparagus fern, should be arranged in black vases or bowls. Silver candlesticks carry tall candles, and are topped with white shades, on which are jolly little silhouetted figures in black. Black china, which is not unusual nowadays, completes the scheme. The table may look a little cold till your guests arrive, but the moment bright dresses are added to the general effect the change is magical.

Table-mats of bevelled plate-glass are a novelty which makes for a charming new decorative scheme. They are laid flat upon the polished table top, and one corner of each mat is decorated by an enormous tassels of coloured silk which hangs from the table. Menholders, candlesticks and candle-shades should, of course, tone with the tassels, and if you do not quite like the idea of the entire absence of linen, square mats in the same colour could be used beneath the glass mats.

Heavy Lace Mats.

In Paris heavy lace table mats are very much the vogue. Most of the mats are rectangular and the designs are patterned either in geometrical designs or in a pattern that is asymmetrical. The result is table linen so entirely modern in appearance that it is in complete

Today's Recipe.

NUT PUDDING.

One half-cup brown sugar, 2 tablespoons milk $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon soda, 1 tablespoon warm water, 1 cup milk, 1 teaspoon butter, 1 tablespoon cornstarch, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup nut-meats, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup whipping cream, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon vanilla.

Add the 2 tablespoons milk to brown sugar and melt over a slow fire. Stir in soda dissolved in warm water. Add milk and butter and bring slowly to the boiling point. Stir in cornstarch stirred to a smooth paste with a little cold milk reserved from cup of milk. Stir and cook for 20 minutes. Remove from fire and add nuts. Chill and serve with cream whipped, sweetened with powdered sugar and flavoured with vanilla.

accord with up-to-date lamp-stands and shades, bowls and table-wire. Cocktail napkins are delightful little accessories that the house-proud hostess will love to buy. They are made in gossamer-like handkerchief linen decorated with very fine drawn thread work or perhaps a little applique work in a contrasting pastel tone. These two are rectangular and most of them have decoration at one end only.

The fortunate possessors of beautiful candlesticks, whether they are of brass, pewter or pottery, should always make use of them for evening meals during "summer-time." Modern candles of vegetable origin burn without drip, odour or smoke, and they are produced in a fascinating variety of colours. The steady points of light provide just that intimate illumination which gives charm to

When is A Woman Well Dressed?

[By Patsy Ruth Miller.]

Is the well-dressed woman the one who wears the smartest and most expensive gowns and wraps, shoes, hats and gloves? I do not deny that she is. And yet paradoxically enough, I contend that this same woman who is considered well dressed can be dressed in the poorest of taste at the same time.

Her clothes may be of the most excellent quality, cut and style, but she may have overlooked one thing which in my eyes immediately takes her out of the well-dressed, class. She may not know how to combine colours, or she may not know what colours are most becoming to her type.

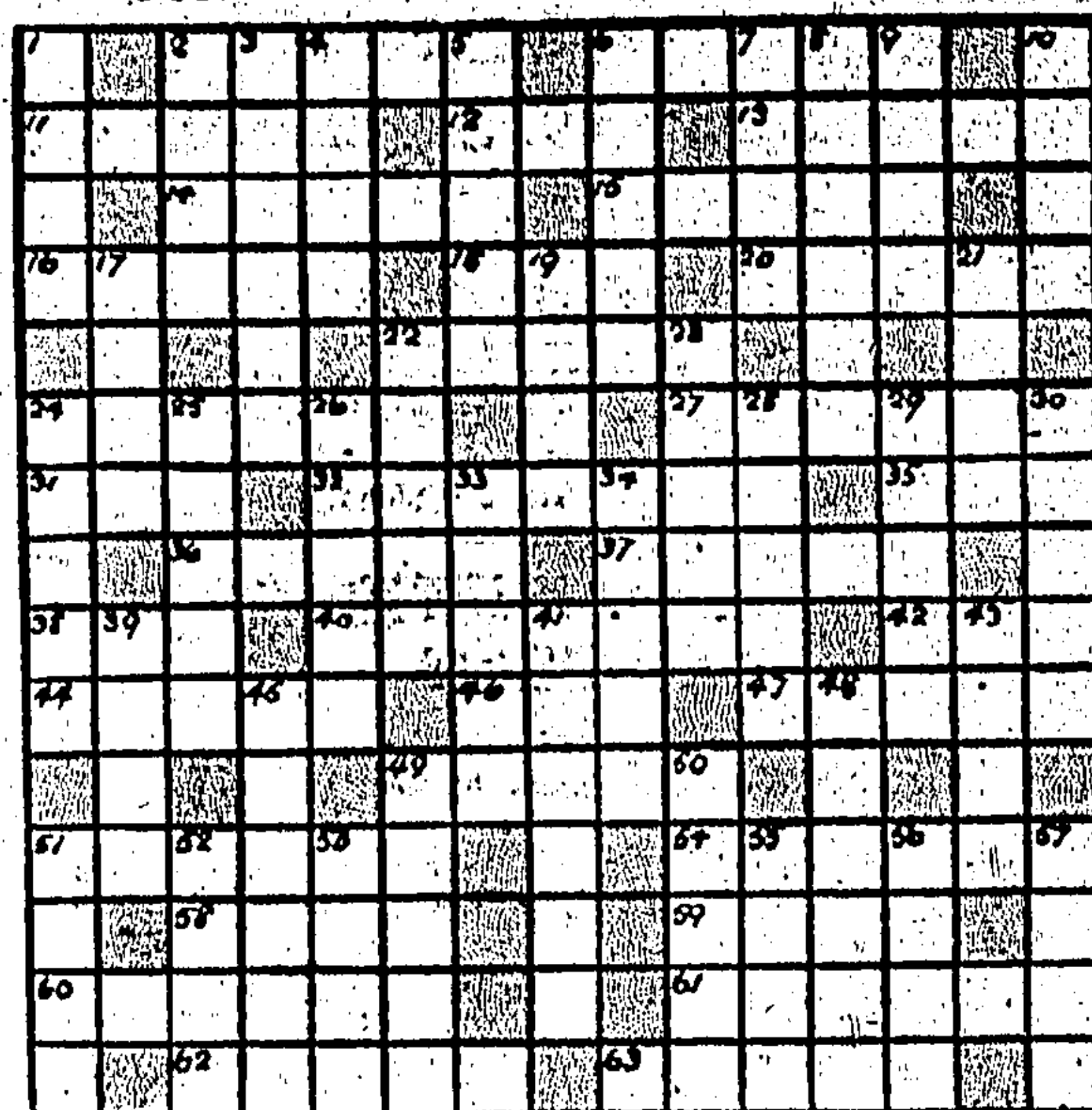
For instance, a blonde in red is anything but smart. I could never call a dark-haired woman in lavender smartly dressed. The minute a woman puts on a gown of unbecoming colour, she ceases to be smartly dressed, no matter how exquisite her gown is. Then, too, if she wears a gown that is of a becoming shade, and her hat does not go well with the gown, she is again not well dressed.

Of course, it is all a matter of personal opinion, I suppose, but with me smartness is a question of colour as much as it is of style.

the dinner table when it is still too light really to switch on gas or electricity.

When the number of guests permits, and their places at table allow the arrangement, it is often more effective to give the floral decorations a position at one corner rather than in the orthodox position at the centre.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS



Across

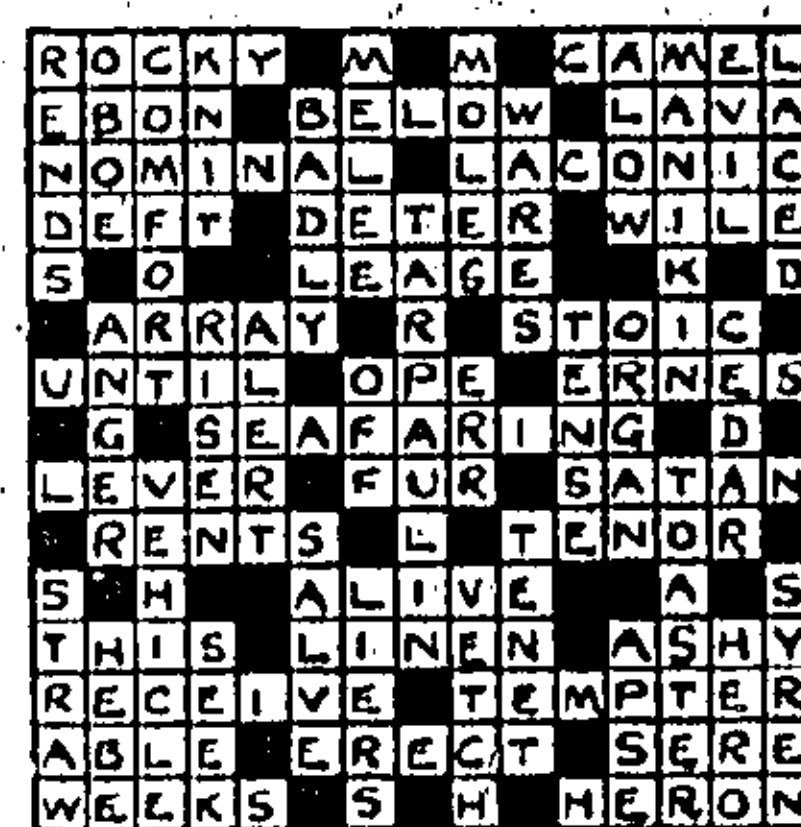
- 2 Flame.
- 6 Sky-blue.
- 11 Self-evident truth.
- 12 Vigour.
- 13 Steel bar used in the home.
- 14 Clan.
- 15 Scotch dish.
- 16 Benefit.
- 18 Part of a fish.
- 20 Objectionable.
- 22 Many headed creature.
- 24 Affirm.
- 27 Purchasers.
- 31 Field.
- 32 Action before a court.
- 35 Consumed.
- 36 Couragous.
- 37 Small blocks of granite.
- 38 Part of the verb "to be."
- 40 Bring into being.
- 42 Before.
- 44 Explain.
- 46 Covered vehicle.
- 47 Exudes from plants.
- 49 Large wax candle.
- 51 Precious stone.
- 54 More recent.
- 58 Not working.
- 59 Sunken space before a window.
- 60 Adulterate.
- 61 A major third (music).
- 62 Slumbered.
- 63 Any.

Down

- 1 Talks (slang).
- 2 Cut with the teeth.
- 3 Shaped like a thong.
- 4 Among.
- 5 All.
- 6 Resin of extinct pine trees.
- 7 On.
- 8 Garland.
- 9 Gives sparingly.
- 10 Donkeys cry.

- 17 Slab of baked clay.
- 18 Poems.
- 21 Injury to person.
- 22 Pall.
- 23 Genus of the fir.
- 24 Otherwise.
- 25 Affixed to a parcel.
- 26 Dazzling light.
- 28 Entire.
- 29 Comfort.
- 30 Number.
- 33 Unite by intermixture.
- 34 Employing.
- 39 Roster.
- 41 Store-room.
- 43 Split.
- 45 Wilful destroyer.
- 46 Worth.
- 49 Precipitous.
- 50 Exult.
- 51 Ingots of steel.
- 52 Curved bones.
- 53 Otherwise.
- 56 Song.
- 58 Sailors.
- 57 Widen seams for caulking.

Yesterday's Solution.

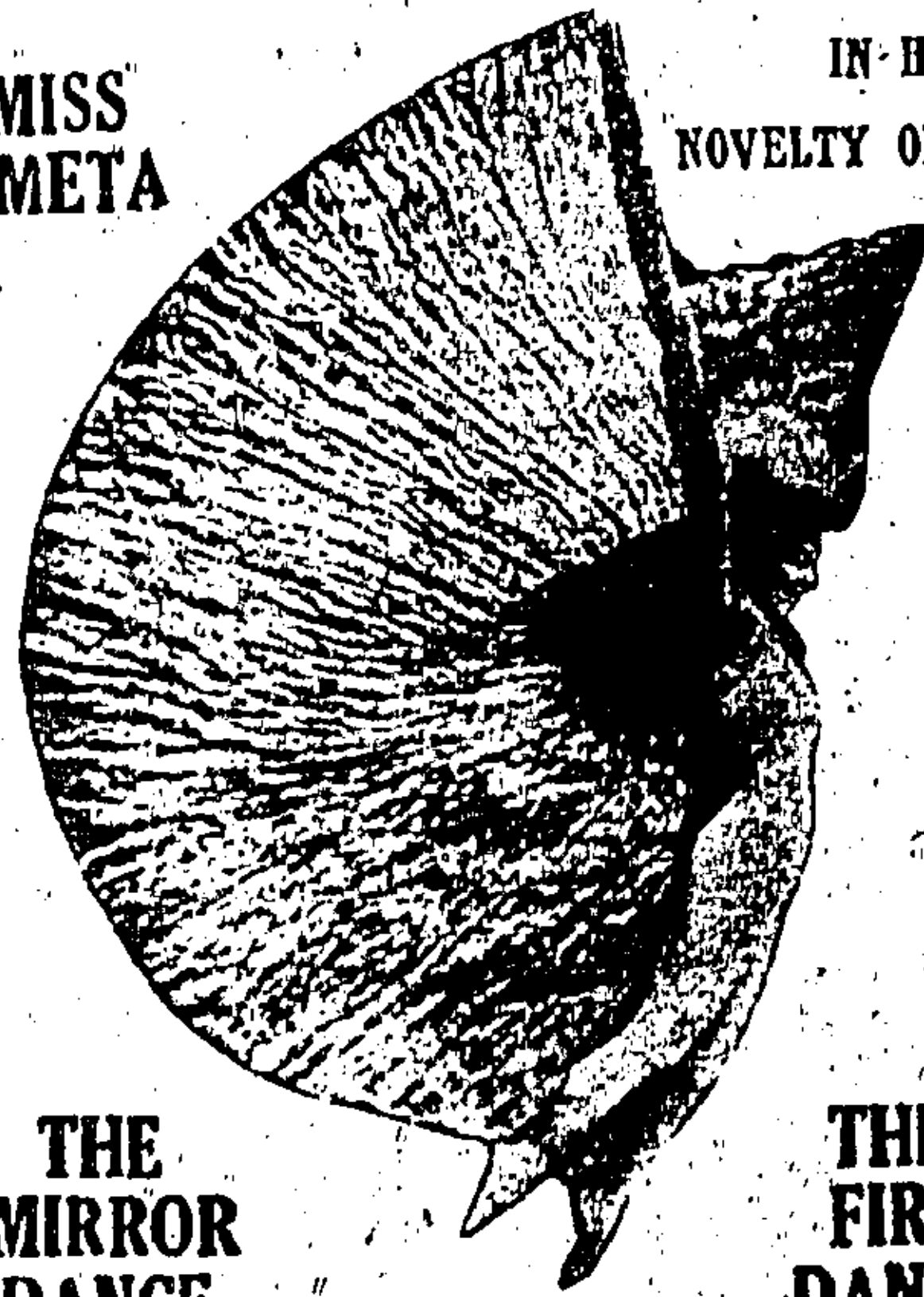


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Balloch, one-time partner in
Gilman & Co., Ltd., Hong-
kong.**HOBBS.**—At the General Hospital,
Shanghai, on January 9th,
1930, Frank Hobbs, dearly
beloved son of Mrs. F. J. Gel-
lion, Kowloon. Aged 36 years.**The
Hongkong Telegraph.**

FRIDAY JANUARY 10, 1930

**MORE ABOUT THE
DOLLAR.**

Now that the Hongkong dollar is as low as it ever has been in the history of the Colony, it is interesting to look back to the time, just twenty-seven years ago, when the rate was just what it is today. Then, as now, the evil effects on trade were the cause of much comment. The *Telegraph*, dealing with the situation in December, 1902, asserted that the outlook for the commercial classes, as indeed for all classes except bankers and bill brokers, was anything but pleasing to contemplate. It suggested that the time had come for some well-defined line of action to safeguard the trading interests of the Colony, at the same time pointing out that the instability of the dollar rendered almost every trade transaction one of speculation in exchange. That, it is needless to say, is precisely the position to-day.

In view of the argument that fixity of exchange might hamper the export trade of the Colony, it may be pertinent to recall that that same point was being put forward in 1902, but that it was then rebutted by contentions made in Singapore, where the low level to which silver had fallen was causing just as much anxiety as it was in Hongkong, and where the demand for putting the Colony on a gold basis was most insistent. The argument put forward in Singapore was that as the Colony produced practically nothing, but bought its exports from surrounding countries, which found it convenient to use Straits ports, it would, if those countries continued to use silver, still be able to ship as cheaply on a fixed standard as on a silver basis. It was submitted that the damage to export trade would be nil, or so little as to be negligible in comparison with the benefits resulting. In any event, it was pointed out that the drop in silver had

converted Singapore from one of the cheapest places in the world in which to live to one of the dearest, and that the plunger of the currency to silver was bound, in the long run, to lead to bankruptcy. Eventually, of course, Singapore fixed its dollar, and it remains stable to-day. There had been an effort some years previously to induce Hongkong merchants to join with the Singapore Chamber of Commerce in pressing for fixity of exchange, but, unfortunately this Colony did not feel inclined to co-operate. None the less, so keenly did the Chinese Commercial Union, in Hongkong, feel on the subject, knowing from practical experience what baneful results were being experienced from the decline in silver, that they decided to make representations to the Government to institute an inquiry into the whole problem with a view to establishing a fixed basis for the Colony.

The whole trouble, of course, has arisen because this Colony, like China, has adhered to silver when it had long been apparent that that commodity was losing any value as a currency basis. The question as to whether Hongkong could or could not afford to place itself on a different basis to China, with which we do so much of our trade, is one on which opinions sharply differ. Be that as it may, even China herself is at long last beginning to realise that she cannot resist world tendencies, and remain practically isolated; hence the suggested discarding of the tael and the eventual adoption of a gold standard. Such a step, if it could be taken, would have manifest benefits to the country as a whole. Hongkong obviously would then have to follow suit. Whatever happens, it is obvious that the situation is in such a state of flux at the moment that this Colony cannot afford to sit with folded arms and await developments. That is why there is so much point in the suggestion that the Government step in and appoint an expert to advise on the best means of coping with a situation of extraordinary gravity.

Should Extrajurisdiction be Abolished?

An impartial study of the vexed problems of extrajurisdiction, uncoloured by any marked bias towards one side or other, is an exceedingly welcome interlude in the flood of propaganda on the subject, especially helpful at this time when the air is thick with discussion and when negotiations are contemplated. The article concluded in to-day's issue, we believe, meets these requirements. Both timely and instructive, it discusses frankly, without the slightest tendency to gloss over anything, the inherent deficiencies and irregularities of Chinese administration and legal procedure. But it also finds some warrant for China's urgency, some justification for the demand for abolition, although, our contributor says, the case would be stronger if the Nationalists confined themselves to general principles, the principles which really move them. The mistake committed by the leaders of the Nationalist movement is that they defend their attitude not on the high ground of their approach, but on the ground of their opponents' choosing, where they meet with one pitfall after another. The answer to the question Should Extrajurisdiction be Abolished? therefore, is No, but with reservations. The "most obvious mark of conditions of China to-day is the insecurity of life and property, and until this is rectified, the Powers cannot possibly assent to abolition. Nevertheless, the five points with which the article concludes are worthy of serious consideration. Our contributor advocates that the Powers should do all possible to meet Chinese susceptibilities, while China, on her part, should concede something to history and the actualities of the situation, and be content with something less than the abolition of the system, which should be replaced by some arrangement whereby foreign interests will be adequately protected.

DAY BY DAY.THERE IS NO GREATER HANDICAP
IN LIFE THAN A DISTINGUISHED FA-
THILL—*Englishman.*

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows three cases of small-pox and two of diphtheria. All were Chinese.

Injured in the left leg by a plate falling on him, a coolie employed at the Taikeo Dock was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital yesterday.

The Empress of Russia, which arrived at Shanghai to-day at 7.30 a.m., leaves there to-morrow at 5 a.m., and is due at Hongkong on Monday at 7 a.m.

**THE "TELEGRAPH" ART
SUPPLEMENT.**More Interesting Pictures
To-Morrow.Once again, the *Telegraph* Art Supplement to-morrow will contain many pictures of topical interest to readers.

Amongst the illustrations there will be three showing the official landing of Sir Marchion Fletcher at Suva, on assuming the Governorship of Fiji. These will be found most interesting to many residents who knew Sir Marchion during his lengthy service in Hongkong.

Of wedding pictures will be those of Mr. W.D. Piddie Wilson and Miss Lella Clarke, Mr. J.N. da Silva and Miss Maria A.M. Ribeiro at Macao, and of Dr. Edward Sun and Miss Constance Quan.

Other photographs will show the fancy dress carnival at the Kowloon Football Club on New Year's Day and the children's sports at the Police Recreation Club.

Several further prize-winning pictures in the Hongkong University Amateur Photographic Club's exhibition will also be included.

It is announced in the latest Volunteer Orders that troops will line the streets on February 1st, on the occasion of the departure of H. E. the Governor.

Mrs. Costello, living at No. 1, Amal Villas, Kowloon, has reported to the police the theft from a bedroom of various articles of jewellery, which she values at \$63.

Pleading guilty to a charge of carrying a chicken by the wings, a Chinese, who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy, to-day was fined \$5.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Willem Johannes van Woerkom, chief engineer, Harbour Works, Macao, residing at No. 6, Astrade Victoria, Macao, to Miss Apolonia Januskeviciy, of the same address.

The Canton News Agency reports that on a charge of killing a person in a motor accident, Leng Kum-fu a chauffeur was sentenced at the 5th Police Sub-Station to a fine of \$500, three months' imprisonment, and a permanent suspension of his licence.

Three Hakka women were each fined \$5 by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for trespassing on a Government Plantation at Lachikok, where they had gone to cut grass. It was stated that the defendants had not gone to cut trees.

Manoeuvres on a large scale will be carried out by the military forces in conjunction with the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps to-day, to-morrow and Sunday. A notice to mariners in the Harbour Office this morning announced that Defence Electric Lights will be used during the manoeuvres.

With reference to the case in which Mr. Herbert Blok, of the Hongkong Daily Press, is summoned by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Botelho and Miss C. Botelho for assault, and in which cross-summones have been issued, it should have been reported that the summonses are also for "using threatening, abusive and insulting words" and not "indecent language" as was erroneously reported yesterday.

Amongst publications to hand is a copy of the *Rangoon Times* Christmas number, which is a credit to its publishers, both from the excellence of its printing and the variety of matter which it contains. Besides an illustrated review of the year's activities, there are numerous light articles and entertaining stories, whilst a feature is the series of coloured plates reproducing some of Mr. S. Williams' collection of paintings by B.H. Wiles. These deal with Burmese subjects and are extremely artistic, and well worth framing. The book sells at the remarkably low price of two rupees.**21 YEARS AGO.**SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for week ended January 9th, 1909.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 8½d.

The Portuguese Lilliputians presented "The Geisha" at the Club Lusitano.

At the annual meeting of the Hongkong Chess Club, Mr. (now Sir Henry) Pollock was reappointed President and Mr. P. A. Rozario Hon. Secretary.

It was stated at the Ellis Kadoorie School prize-giving that one of the Chinese students had attended school for six years without once being absent.

There was published a memorandum by H.E. the Governor (Sir Frederick Lugard) setting out the objects and scope of the proposed Hongkong University. An appeal was made for subscriptions for the endowment fund, for which the cost of equipment a sum estimated at £110,000 would be required.

**NATIONAL CITY BANK
OF NEW YORK.****ALL AMERICAN BANKING
RECORDS BEATEN.**

Referring to the news which appeared in our issue of the 7th instant in regard to the new high record established by the National City Bank of New York for the year ending 31st December, 1929, below is a copy of a telegram received in Hongkong from the Head Office in New York, giving fuller particulars:

"All existing high records American banking exceeded with publication by the National City Bank of New York of statement of condition as of December 31, 1929, showing total resources US\$2,205,241,170 against US\$1,847,705,548 on December 31, 1928 and US\$2,032,400,220, previous high level recorded last June.

"Deposits total US\$1,449,260, against US\$1,349,024,386 a year ago and US\$1,470,891,893 last June.

"Total capital fund stands at US\$239,650,233 compared with US\$166,993,905 a year ago and US\$235,260,406 at the end of last June."

**LAST EVENING'S
CONCERT.****EXCELLENT PROGRAMME AT
HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.**

There was a large attendance at the Helena May Institute last evening, for the concert arranged by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, two of the Colony's best-known and most accomplished artists. Those present were rewarded with a programme of much charm and merit.

Mrs. Bowes-Smith was as good as ever in all her numbers. The three Brahms songs were most artistically sung, whilst of the group which she gave later "Love's Philosophy" (Quilter) was especially good.

Mr. Bowes-Smith gave a studied interpretation of the 1st movement of Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata, which was greatly appreciated, and he followed later with seven of Chopin's Preludes, all played with sympathy and understanding. Later, he joined Major MacNair in Grieg's Sonata in C Minor for piano and violin—a work which was extremely well handled.

The whole concert was most enjoyable.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 9.
Paris	123.92
New York	48 5/16
Brussels	34.95 1/2
Geneva	25.13 1/2
Amsterdam	12.00
Milan	93.12
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Stockholm	18.14 1/2
Copenhagen	18.14 1/2
Olo	18.20 1/2
Vienna	34.02
Prague	104 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	39.50 1/2
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	87 1/2
Bucharest	818
Rio	5.15/32
Buenos Aires	45
Bombay	1/5.29/32
Shanghai	1/11 1/4
Hongkong	1/7 1/4
Yokohama	2/0.8/16
Silver (spot)	20.13/16
Silver (forward)	20 1/2

—*British Wireless.***The Very Idea!**

A summons taken out against a member of the American Embassy for wasting water by using a hose pipe at his home at Surbiton was withdrawn on a plea of diplomatic privilege. I must confess (says a commentator) that the alleged offender has my sympathy. If members of foreign embassies can remain "wet" in "Dry" Washington, it would be hard to enforce a "Dry" law in "Wet" England against an American diplomat. Beside, no good American can be blamed for not taking a "Dry" edict seriously.

(Speaking at Plymouth the other day, Mr. Bernard Shaw expressed the opinion that sailors have the best manners.)

We've had lots of songs, 'tis true, of our gallant lads in blue, And the breezy, briny life that they adore, For we know that Jack's a sport with his girl in every port. And a way we can't resist when he's ashore. His expressions, so they say, are, "Ahoy, ahoy, belay," And "Yo-ho, ye lazy lubbers, stir your stumps." But the purpose of my song is to show that they are wrong, For he'd blush to call his worthy shipmates "chumps." When the vessel gives a heave his remark is, "By your leave," And a drenching merely makes him look benign. As he murmurs, "Naughty wave" in the middle of a shave, And declares, "Of course, the fault was really mine."

If all the diamonds in South Africa were thrown into the sea the world would be a better place. —*The Bishop of Kenilworth.*

The reason why men love to get into politics is that they are extraordinarily fond of gossip—the kind of gossip that goes on and on and on.—*Mr. Bernard Shaw.*

I am bound by the oath I took as a medical man to save life every time, whether it is to end happily or on the gallows.—*Sir George Newman.*

The citizen in the gutter has in theory the same rights as the citizen in the motor-car; but in practice he has become a serf, an outcast, a beast of the field, a hen under the wheel.—*Mr. A. P. Herbert.*

A Londoner was recently stopped in the street by a little girl of about five years of age who cheerfully informed him that she had "lost my mummy, please." "Lost, are you?" he said. "I'm—well, I had better take you to the police station, eh?" "Yes—I think so," she replied. She thereupon grasped his hand, and during the journey to the nearest station confided in her protector that she had "lost my mummy two times last year." "Really?" my friend remarked. "I suppose you are used to it now, then?" "Yes—fank you," she told him, gravely, adding: "The man what founded me before bought me some ice-cream!" After he had "done the honours" similarly, he deposited his little charge at the police station, where she settled down without the least sign of being upset!

Woman at Bow County Court: If he is out to tell lies, I'll do my share. Detective at West London: The defendant was first convicted in 1719.

Willenden Wife: I badly want a separation from my husband and he frightfully wants one from me.

Mr. Justice Eve, in the Chancery Division: A trust for the suppression of boys would more likely be charitable than one for providing them with knickers.

WHO WAS....**MATTHEW
BRAMBLE?**

The principal character in Smollett's amusing novel, "Humfrey Clinker," is not the youth after whom the book is named, but the gouty old gentleman whose servant he was.

Matthew Bramble was a country squire of the type of Sir Anthony Absolute in Sheridan's comedy, "The Rivals", whose fundamental kindness of disposition was offset by a terribly quick temper and a domineering manner.

It was in the course of the family tour which Matthew Bramble had insisted upon taking, in company with his sister, Tabitha and her maid, Winifred Jenkins, who was a sort of Mrs. Malaprop, without that lady's claims to gentility, that Matthew made the acquaintance of Humphrey Clinker, the ex-workhouse apprentice, and taking pity on his desolate plight, benevolently engaged him as his servant and personal attendant.

Smollett, usually so cynical in his drawing of character, re-created a little in the case of Matthew Bramble, and made him a very likeable old fellow in spite of his testiness.

"PLANTED" OPIUM LABELS.**SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST POLICE.****WOMAN VICTIMISED.**

Serious allegations were brought against a Chinese police officer by Revenue Officer Brown, before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, when he charged four Chinese, including a woman, of Pei Ho Street with being in possession of false opium labels. The woman was further charged with being in possession of 5.5 mace of prepared opium.

During the hearing of the case, it was mentioned that it was suspected by the prosecution that the labels had been planted on the premises by someone who had a grudge against the woman and the man who had lodged the information with the Department was a police officer off duty at the time. It was stated that this was the second time that labels had been known to have been planted on innocent people by a police officer, and it was believed that it was the same man on both occasions.

In asking permission to withdraw the charge relating to the opium labels, Revenue Officer Brown pointed out that they had been hidden between the partition and the edge of a table, which was a most unlikely place for the labels to be concealed in.

In reply to his Worship, the woman intimated that a man had gone to her place just before the revenue officers made their raid, and it was just as he left that the premises were visited. The man had occupied a seat at the table where the labels were found.

His Worship warned the woman about allowing people to go into her cubicle unless they were police officers.

Revenue Officer Brown:—That's who it happened to be.

His Worship:—Had he a warrant?

R.O. Brown:—I understand he was off duty.

His Worship:—I suppose it will be gone into departmentally.

R.O. Brown mentioned that this was the second time that a Chinese police officer had been suspected of having planted labels on people and then given information to the authorities. The man did not do the actual concealment himself. It was mentioned that the informer had been put up for identification, but the woman had failed to recognise him. It was probable that he had employed somebody else to hide the labels.

On the charge of possession of the prepared opium, the woman, who claimed the drug, was fined \$40, or three weeks' hard labour in default, the other defendants being discharged.

PREMIER STIRS UP ACTIVITY.

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Vice-Admiral Roger R. C. Backhouse, Third Sea Lord.

Vice-Admiral D. M. Anderson (who was R.A.Y. from 1923 to 1925 and temporarily in command China Station in 1925), Liaison Officer.

Four officers of the Plans Division of the Admiralty.

Mr. Alex. Flint, Principal Assistant Secretary at the Admiralty.

The Dominions Office will be represented by Sir Harry Bathurst, Assistant Secretary. There will be representatives of the Treasury Department, the experts numbering thirty altogether, while Sir Maurice Hankey will be Chief of the Delegation Secretariat.

British Wireless and Reuter.

King's Speech for U. S.

New York, Jan. 9.

The National Broadcasting Company is arranging to broadcast all over the United States the King's speech at the opening of the naval conference. Reuter's American Service.

New U.S. Cruiser.

Marine Island, Calif., Jan. 9.

The Naval Secretary has authorized the launching here on April 4 of the ten thousand ton cruiser Chicago. Reuter's American Service.

CHINA'S FINANCES.**NANKING DECIDES ON BOND ISSUE.**

Nanking, Jan. 9.

The Central Political Council of the National Government this morning sanctioned the suggestion of the Nanking Finance Ministry for the issuing of \$20,000,000 Government treasury bonds for the purpose of assisting the financial rehabilitation of the country.

The \$20,000,000 loan will have as its security the increased revenue from the new tariff.

EXCHANGE SLUMP FACTORS.

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change again moved rapidly in her favour, because, on the one hand, remittances to England for war costs had been greatly reduced, and, on the other, European manufactures which India wished to buy were held up by the re-organisation which had to be made by the manufacturers. So that there was nothing by way of trade tendency to offset the rise in exchange in India's favour during the year 1929.

Mere Speculation.

As we have since come to know, this demand for Indian produce was not justified and most of it became merely speculation. In the game way a little later, her purchases of manufactured goods from abroad also became rank speculation, and the time arrived when in February, 1929, her export trade commenced to wane as customers had fulfilled their immediate requirements and heavy purchases of foreign cargo had made their presence felt in the exchange market.

Export bills became less plentiful and demand for remittances considerably greater, with the result that from a date half way through February, exchange slumped from over 2/10 to below 1/3 in twelve months.

Whatever else may be said of this situation, one is bound to admit that these developments were strictly in accordance with economic factors. It was not until about 1922 that a demand for Indian produce again sprang up, and as this increased, India was able to purchase import cargo.

This recrudescence of buying quickly created a trade level which showed itself by the rupee becoming practically stationary at 1/10. When this had lasted for several months, the Government of India, very wisely, but in face of considerable opposition, decided to put its currency on a gold basis with the rupee stabilised at 1/10d., and subsequent Indian trade has proved how wise that arrangement was.

When attempting to apply these experiences to China, the thought forcibly impresses itself on the mind whether the present chaotic state of China's currency is not due as much to the economic situation as to the fluctuating price of silver.

China Produce Deteriorates.

If one considers how China produce has deteriorated during the past few years—everywhere one hears that her tea and silk and other produce is not what it used to be—and couples with this the fact that there has been incessant internal warfare which might for argument's sake be ranked as visible imports, the question does arise whether the present fall in currency finds a cause in the adverse tendency of China's trade.

Especially does this become accentuated when it is borne in mind just how heavily China bought foreign cargo before the new tariff schedule came into force last year.

There are points worthy of consideration, but, at the same time, it is well to remember that there can have been no solid basis for the hope that the fact would remain about its nominal level when it is considered not only how cheaply silver could be sold to China if producers were really pushed to sell it, and also bearing in mind the colossal stocks of this metal which Shanghai itself holds, stocks which sooner or later must be sold at prices considerably less than were paid for them.

It does appear, therefore, as though the present fall in the value of the tael was inevitable and it is equally certain that no artificial means can be produced to remedy it.

One great essential in the stabilisation of China's currency is a healthy export trade of produce which will meet with the approval of her buyers; another is the placing of her currency on a footing which will not be dependent upon the present metal, which is rapidly tending to become base.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER STOLEN.**EX-HOTEL GARAGE EMPLOYEE GAOLED.**

Charged before Mr. Hamilton this morning with the theft of a fire-extinguisher from the Hong-kong Hotel Garage at Stubbs Road, a Chinese blamed a clansman, and said his only connexion with the case was that he had been asked to dispose of it at Las-car Row.

Having extracted an admission from the accused that he had been employed at the Garage for two months, Mr. Hamilton said: The fact is, there is no clansman. You were found at 4.15 in the morning coming away from the Garage with the fire-extinguisher in your possession. You had ample opportunity of getting knowledge of the place. Three months.

NEW FIRE BRIGADE EQUIPMENT.**MODERN ENGINE TESTED IN NEW TERRITORIES.****SPLENDID MACHINE.**

Described as "absolutely the last word in fire-fighting appliances," a new Dennis fire engine for Hongkong was tried out for the first time this morning.

The test was carried out around the New Territories and was a most exhaustive one. On board were Fire Superintendent Brookes and Station Officer Saunders, together with a crew of 12 men. Commencing about 11 a.m., the trial lasted for some hours, during which every test possible was applied to the engine.

It is understood that the fire officers found the new machine thoroughly suitable to local requirements, and regard it as a worthy addition to the already fine equipment in Hongkong and Kowloon.

An indication of the extreme usefulness of the new engine, and of the splendid pitch the manufacturers of such vehicles have attained, is given by the fact that the machine is capable of pumping from 500 to 700 gallons of water per minute. With such tremendous pressure of water, it is questionable whether a fire in any of the Colony's modern buildings could get much of a hold before the flames were subdued.

In conjunction with the Dennis machine, the latest types of extension ladders are now in use by the brigade. The longest is attached to the new engine.

These ladders were also subjected to test at Kowloon Station today, and were found to be thoroughly efficient. Their crews were similarly found to come up to the standard which the fire officers have set.

ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.**55 ARTISTS AT THE STAR THEATRE.**

Signor Carpi's Italian Grand Opera Company will open a brief season commencing on Thursday at the Star Theatre. The opening piece will be "La Boheme" and will be followed on consecutive nights and in the order named by Rigoletto, Madame Butterfly, Barbiere di Siviglia, Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci, Faust, and Carmen. There are 55 artists in all and the company includes 12 stars, a full orchestra, chorus and ballet.

One indication of the rather striking successes of the Carpi Company is the high praise given it. One journal says: "The visit of the Italian Opera Company sets one thinking once more on the extraordinary genius and career of Verdi, who without disparagement of others before or since, is naturally the synonym for all Italian Opera. The praise already given them in individual notices of their productions is not a whit too high. Never have we heard so fine a band of principals, and have Signor Carpi collected so good a chorus and orchestra. The high level of general excellence is amazing."

Sets for the entire season may be booked in advance at Montre's or at the Star Theatre.



The height of politeness: Riding past his stop to allow his neighbour to finish the story.

FOOTBALL AT TAXI STAND.**COURT ORDERS BALL TO BE CONFISCATED.**

That the vicinity of the taxi stand at the Star Ferry, Kowloon, was a ridiculous place in which to play football was a remark passed by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a messenger of the Kowloon Godowns was charged with causing annoyance to pedestrians and passengers by playing football there.

The defendant intimated that, being an employee of the Kowloon Godowns, he did not have time to indulge in a game of football, but had merely given the ball one kick, when he was arrested.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys pointed out that the Indian constable on duty at the Star Ferry had sufficient work to do by controlling the traffic without having to arrest people for playing football. The defendant, he said, was one of a number of men playing near the taxi stand, but the others managed to escape arrest.

His Worship ordered the ball to be confiscated and cautioned the defendant.

RECKLESS LORRY DRIVERS.**TWO FINED AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.**

Two lorry drivers were fined by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when they were summoned by the traffic police for driving their vehicles at a speed which was dangerous to the public.

What was described as a very bad case was alleged against one man, who was stated to have travelled at a speed of 26 miles an hour in Shanghai Street for a distance of about 400 yards, through a crowded thoroughfare, passing buses and other vehicles en route.

The defendant was fined \$30.

In the other case the defendant was said to have been going at 25 miles an hour in Argyle Street for a distance of 350 yards. He was fined \$25.

RELIABILITY TRIAL PROJECT.

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will be forthcoming if the necessary permission to organise a trial on the lines detailed is secured.

Those willing to take part in such an event are asked to send in their names to the Trial Secretary, Mr. H. G. Swinburne, South China Morning Post. Names sent in now will not be regarded as definite entries but will serve as a guide to the Committee whether the organisation of a trial on these lines is warranted.

If local motor cyclists appear interested, and the necessary permission is obtained from the authorities, the necessary arrangements will be then made and competition entry forms made available, together with copies of the rules which are now being drawn up.

CURIOUS DEFENCE SUCCEEDS.**FORGOT BECAUSE HE WAS HALF ASLEEP.****THRASHED BY POLICE.**

A case concerning the alleged theft by a shop foki of a sum of \$150, disclosed an interesting defence.

Detective Sergeant J. Murphy said that when taxed with the theft, the man denied all knowledge of the money, which was, however, subsequently found in his purse.

The master of a shop at No. 19, Sai Street, giving evidence, stated that he woke up his foki at 1.30 yesterday morning, and gave him the notes, contained in an envelope, with instructions to hand them to the compradore of the S.S. Kinshan, leaving that morning for Canton.

In the morning, when asked if he had carried out his instructions, the foki denied having received the money, adhering to that contention until the money was actually discovered in his purse.

The police view was that it was a case of bluffing on the part of the man from start to finish, with the other foki being purposely brought under suspicion by him.

On the other hand, the master of the shop appeared to think it was all a mistake, due to the defendant being half-asleep at the time he received the instructions, and not remembering what he did with the money afterwards.

"He was thrashed," said the witness, concluding his evidence.

Mr. Grantham: Who thrashed him?

Witness hesitated, and on being advised by the Bench "not to be frightened," pointed to a Chinese detective in the Court.

After interrogation as to the demeanour of the accused when the money was found on him, his Worship ordered the defendant's discharge.

FANLING GOLF.**STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.**

- 9.12 a.m.—C. B. Riggs and H. Spicer.
- 9.28 a.m.—K. S. Robertson and E. D. Lawrence.
- 9.32 a.m.—H. R. Sturt and G. Davidson.
- 9.36 a.m.—L. Yates and G. E. Ellman.
- 9.40 a.m.—H. C. Shrubsole and J. Coulthart.
- 9.44 a.m.—L. Greig and J. W. Alabaster.
- 9.48 a.m.—R. A. Campbell and C. H. Coutts.
- 9.52 a.m.—E. D. Black and L. G. S. Dodwell.
- 9.56 a.m.—J. H. Raikes and G. E. Holmes.
- 10.00 a.m.—I. H. Geare and A. O. Brann.
- 10.04 a.m.—R. J. Sneddon and J. P. Sherry.
- 10.08 a.m.—R. K. Hepburn and F. Lobel.
- 10.12 a.m.—F. A. Redmond and L. R. Andrewes.
- 10.16 a.m.—W. J. Clerk and R. K. Valentine.
- 10.20 a.m.—H. G. Hegarty and J. P. Warren.
- 10.24 a.m.—M. G. Mills and A. D. Humphreys.
- 10.28 a.m.—A. A. Green and A. C. I. Bowker.
- 10.32 a.m.—Capt. Ashby and J. R. Collis.
- 10.36 a.m.—S. T. Butlin and N. K. Littlejohn.
- 10.40 a.m.—A. Leach and F. H. Crappell.
- 10.44 a.m.—B. D. Evans and S. Berg.
- 10.48 a.m.—W. S. Hillier and J. MacKnight.
- 10.52 a.m.—J. Jones and B. Smalley.
- 10.56 a.m.—G. C. Moxon and V. M. Grayburn.
- 11.00 a.m.—J. B. Lanyon and C. C. Roberts.
- 11.04 a.m.—W. A. Butterfield and D. J. Keogh.
- 11.08 a.m.—J. Forbes and J. M. Norrie.
- 11.12 a.m.—W. M. Thomson and D. S. Edward.
- 11.16 a.m.—Dr. Dovey and J. S. Dykes.
- 11.20 a.m.—J. D. Thomson and H. Hampton.
- 11.24 a.m.—E. P. Streatfield and R. P. Moodie.
- 11.28 a.m.—A. C. Meredith and N. H. Procter.
- 11.32 a.m.—T. C. Monaghan and J. Harrop.
- 11.36 a.m.—S. S. Perry and G. W. Reeve.
- 11.40 a.m.—J. S. Drummond and J. C. Kyle.
- 11.44 a.m.—G. W. Sowell and O. Eager.
- 11.48 a.m.—A. B. Purves and T. S. Whyte Smith.
- 11.52 a.m.—Major Beamish and D. Brown.
- 11.56 a.m.—E. M. Bryden and D. S. Robb.
- 12.00 a.m.—J. C. Highet and J. H. Ashworth.
- 12.04 p.m.—A. R. Cox and A. Webster.
- 12.08 p.m.—V. R. S. White and W. Bailey.
- 12.12 p.m.—K. K. Rounds and O. D. Brown.
- 12.16 a.m.—B. C. Lacon and E. L. Hoole.
- 12.20 p.m.—M. B. Matthews and R. W. Taplin.
- 12.24 p.m.—S. S. Beth and E. S. Abraham.
- 12.28 p.m.—S. J. H. Fox and F. M. Ellis.

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LOCAL FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

BIG GAME BETWEEN K.O.S.B.
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[By "Wanderer"]

The match of greatest importance in the Senior League to-morrow is to be played at the Stadium, where the K.O.S.B. pay a visit. Neither team has been playing quite up to form of late, but they can be relied upon to provide a keen game.

The fixture list follows:

Senior League.

R.A. v. South China.—Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.
Kowloon v. St. Joseph's.—Kowloon, 4 p.m.
Royal Navy v. Revere.—Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.
Chinese v. K.O.S.B.—Stadium, 4 p.m.
Somerset v. Club.—Chatham Road, 4 p.m.

Junior League.

Club v. Navy.—Club, 2.30.
University v. Eastern.—Chinese, 2.30.
S. China "B" v. Chinese "B".—Caroline Hill, 2.30.
St. Joseph's v. R.A.M.C.—St. Joseph's, 2.30.
Revere v. South China "A".—Revere, 2.30.
K.O.S.B. v. Chinese "A".—Sookunpoo, 2.30.
Ewo v. Kowloon.—Navy, 2.30.

R.A. Falling Off.

The Artillery have shown a bad falling off recently, and have not won since November 23rd. It is unlikely that they will improve upon this to-morrow when they meet South China, a much brighter side since the return of Fung King-cheung. The R.A. are big fellows and know how to use their weight judiciously. They may manage to shake South China out of their usual game, but the possibility is not a great one.

The other Army-Chinese game should provide a much more thrilling struggle. When the K.O.S.B. and Chinese Athletic last met, a drawn game resulted, though the soldiers considered themselves a trifle unlucky to be deprived of a point. Since then, the Athletic have conceded only

one point and are the best-placed side in the division. Nevertheless I rather fancy the Borderers will get at least one point to-morrow.

Club and Kowloon.

The Club play the Somersets and are up against a tough proposition. The defence is in good form just now, however, and the Somersets would be wise not to take too much for granted. Unfortunately, the Club will not have Goldman's services at their disposal, and this may have some effect on their prospects. McBride has returned from home leave and fills his old position at right half, Gilchrist playing at centre-forward.

Kowloon entertain St. Joseph's and paper form would suggest a win for the home side. The latter have suffered a rather severe blow, McKelvie having damaged an ankle and being unfit to turn out. Gallagher returns to the inside right position and Simpson comes in at inside-left. Miles again leading the attack. St. Joseph's have shown steady improvement and will certainly give the mainlanders a keen run for the points.

The Royal Navy should experience little difficulty in obtaining two points from the Club de Revere.

With the Juniors.

The big match of the Junior Division is that between the K.O.S.B. Reserves and Chinese Athletic "A" at Sookunpoo. The Chinese have been defeated only once this season while the Borderers have gone down on three occasions. General form, however, suggests another K.O.S.B. win.

The Navy and South China "A" both have easy games to play. St. Joseph's, Kowloon and Eastern should be on the winning side, while a draw seems the most likely result in the match between the "B" sides of the Chinese rivals, South China and the Athletic.

Probable Teams.

Probable teams include:—
Kowloon: Gillett, Pile (C.); Hedley, Dowman, Blas, Pile (T.M.), Gallagher, Miles, Simpson and Eastman. Reserve: Coates.
Kowloon Reserves:—Angus Jun.; Guest, Campbell; Seddon, Runham, Dunnett; Springett, King, Moss, Moore, Blackford. Reserves:

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

SEAMEW'S WIN OVER THE CICALA.

Shameen, Jan. 9.—H.M.S. Seamew defeated H.M.S. Cicala by two goals to nil yesterday afternoon in the Shameen Football League. The game was very keen indeed and the Cicala put up a very fine defence against a superior team.

Leeson, the Seamew centre-forward, scored the first goal about ten minutes after starting, this being the only score in the first half. The Cicala unfortunately missed a goal from a penalty kick. In the second half, Leeson again scored for the Seamew about fifteen minutes after resuming. The game was keen and fast throughout and both sides were remarkably good in their defence.

The teams were:—
H.M.S. Seamew.—Chapman; Cass, Horn; Meacham, Goodman, Grimadell; Mitchell, Cunningham, Leeson, Cardy and Smith.
H.M.S. Cicala.—Garlick; Glynn, Pinder; Williams, Rinder, Stevens; McKessick, Crick, Rees, Sur, Lt. Bolton and Riddle.

This puts H.M.S. Seamew at the top of the League, with H.M.S. Tarantula one point behind for second place, with the same number of games. The other teams are quite out of the running. The decisive match for first place should come in the return game of H.M.S. Seamew and H.M.S. Tarantula. It will be remembered that when they met for the first time a few weeks ago, the match resulted in a draw of one goal each.—Our Own Correspondent.

Lady Lampson is expected to arrive in Hongkong by the s.s. Antenor on January 20. She will be accompanied by her young son, who is being sent home to school in the care of friends. Lady Lampson intending to return North after a few days' stay in the Colony.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

HONGKONG C.C. TEAMS.

Hongkong Cricket Club sides v Indian Recreation Club in League matches to-morrow, play to commence at 2 p.m., are as follows:—
1st XI (Away): T. E. Pearce (Capt.), H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, H. V. Parker, G. F. Sillitoe, A. C. Beck, O. Moor, J. R. Hinton, W. D. Folley, A. Reid, E. J. R. Mitchell.
2nd XI (Home): W. W. Mackenzie (Capt.), R. K. Hepburn, H. J. Armstrong, O. E. C. Martin, G. E. R. Dwyer, R. M. Wood, J. H. Ashworth, W. Harris-Walker, R. H. Dowler, G. D. Mead, F. E. Skinner.

K.C.C. Teams For Saturday.

The K.C.C. teams for Saturday, against the Civil Service, are as follows:—
1st XI, home ground.—W. Brace (Capt.), E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, A. T. Lee, N. H. Ross, F. E. Lawrence, F. Zimmermann, D. Laing, A. W. Ramsay, G. A. V. Hall and F. Goodwin. Umpire, J. P. Robinson; scorer, A. Hyde-Lay.
2nd XI, Happy Valley.—B. Petheram (Capt.), G. Lee, H. Overy, A. R. Raven, O. B. Raven, J. Hirst, N. Mackay, F. S. W. Smith, S. Jex, R. Baldwin and A. J. Kew. Umpire, A. W. Bliss; scorer, Capt. Lathwaite.

League v. Varsity Past and Present.

The following will represent the Combined League in the above match on Sunday the 12th January on the University Ground, Pokfulam commencing at 2 p.m.:—
W. C. Hunt (Capt.), Sq. Ldr. C. Bourmurey, E. F. Fincher, R. Lee, A. H. Madar, A. R. Minu, U. M. Omar, J. E. Richardson, Lt. F. M. R. Stephenson, R. M. Wood and E. Zimmermann.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO REVIVE INTEREST.

An advertisement elsewhere in this issue announces that a meeting of all those interested in rifle shooting will be held at the Volunteer Headquarters on Wednesday next, January 15, for the purpose of reviving the Hongkong Rifle League and particularly with a view to securing Hongkong's entry in future Interport Shooting contests.

We learn that Mr. R. M. Dyer has permitted his name to go forward for the Presidency of the organisation and that many rifle enthusiasts have indicated their willingness to serve on the Committee and assisting once again to make shooting in this Colony a real live sport. It is to be hoped that there will be an encouragingly large attendance.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

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No. 3/30. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant.

Tactical Exercise.

A field firing tactical exercise will be held at Fanling on Sunday, 19th. January in which the following units will take part:—M.G. Troop, A.C. Coy., M.G. Coy., Scottish Coy. Attendance to count as 2 parades or as 1 day in Camp.

All ranks of above units will parade at Kowloon Railway Station and proceed to Fanling on the 9.15 a.m. train.

Dress: Marching order as for camp but without greatcoats.

Conference: A conference of all Officers of the above units will be held at Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th. January.

Departure of H. E.

The Regular troops of the Garrison together with the Volunteer Defence Corps will line the streets on the 1st. February. It is hoped that as many as possible will turn out on this occasion. Os. C. Units will please notify the Adjutant on Monday, 13th. January what their numbers will be.

Table T Rifle Part II.

The M.G. Troop and A.C. Company will fire Table T Rifle Part II at Stonecutters on Sunday, 12th. January. Range Officer 2/Lt. H. G. Williams. Dress—Musketry order, uniform or muff. Lunch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Corps Band.

The Band will parade in uniform as hereunder at Headquarters at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 16th. January: caps, tunics, belts and cross belts, slacks and black boots.

The next band practice will be held at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th. January in muff at Headquarters.

Engineer Company.

The Engineer Coy. will proceed to Camp at Lyemun on Friday, January 10.

Thursday, January 10th. parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Kennedy Road or miniature range. Dress, muff.

Sunday, January 20 Musketry, Part I at Stonecutters.

Corps Signals.

Corps Signals—Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, January 13 for Signal Training. Dress—Muff.

Parade at Miniature Range at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16. Dress—Muff.

Musketry. Table T Rifle at Stonecutters on Sunday, 26th. January.

Machine Gun Troop.

Parade at Headquarters on Thursday, 16th. January at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

Field firing exercise at Fanling as laid down in Corps Orders.

The Troop will fire Table T Parts I and II on Sunday, 12th. January or Sunday, 9th. March. First year men must fire both parts. Second year men need only fire Part II.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section and Motor Cycle Section both parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on 10th and 17th January for machine gun instruction.

Machine Gun Company.

Parade in muff at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters for Machine Gun Training on Tuesday, 14th. January.

Scottish Company.

Parades Thursday, 16th. January, 1930.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lt. G. Duncan-M.B.E.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters.

5.30 p.m. under Lt. H. R. Forsyth. Machine gun instruction.

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EXTRADITION DELAY.

WOMAN LAYS INFORMATION
AGAINST LORANG.

Paris, Jan. 8.

Madame Meurisse, the wife of a banker who is awaiting trial on a charge of manipulating mining stock, has laid information against Francis Lorang, chairman of the Bluebird Petrol Companies, who was arrested here recently on a warrant issued in London months ago.

Madame Meurisse alleges that she handed Lorang a quantity of jewellery to sell in London and that he gave the jewellery to a woman friend in Paris.

The extradition of Lorang to England is now likely to be delayed until this matter is settled, possibly in a year or so hence.—Reuter.

Ing tactical exercise to be held at Fanling on Sunday, 19th. January, 1930.

Portuguese Company.

Parades. The Company will parade as strong as possible on Friday, January 17th. at 5.30 p.m. for training under Platoon arrangements.

N.C.O.s are reminded that it is most essential that their commands put in as many parades as possible until the end of February.

Field Day. Dress for all those participating in the Field Day will be boots, puttees, hose, shorts, tunic, helmet, belt, pouches, water-bottle, rifle and bayonet. Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Section will not carry rifle or bayonet.

Those participating will fall in at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, outside the Kowloon Football Club ground. Punctuality is very essential.

Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under: No. 1633 Pte. J.G.H. Lander, No. 4 Platoon from 7. 1. 30.

No. 1534 Pte. R. G. E. Jones, No. 4 Platoon from 7. 1. 30.

Leave.

No. 769 A/C.Q.M.S. C.S. Coom.

Engineer Company from 9. 1. 30.

R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY, MAJOR.

ADJUTANT, H.K.V.D. CORPS.

ITALIAN PARADE.

PICTURESQUE AFFAIR HELD
IN ROME.

Rome, Jan. 9.

The city was early astir to the sound of the bugles and military bands of contingents representing all the armed forces of the State, marching to the Parioli parade ground for a great review, attended by all the Royalties at present in Rome, who witnessed the march past and especially applauded the popular Bersaglieri, who with cocks feathers in their hats flying behind them, passed by at a run.

The marchers past included the Fascist blackshirts, in typical formation three abreast, but the greatest attraction of all were the colonial troops and tribesmen from all parts of Northern Africa. The crowd especially cheered the Ninety-second Infantry Regiment, commanded by the Crown Prince.

The navy was represented by 2,500 sailors. Three hundred aeroplanes of various service types manoeuvred overhead throughout the review.—Reuter.

FOREIGNER TRIED.

GERMAN DOCTOR BEFORE
CANTON COURT.

Canton, Jan. 3.

Owing, it is alleged, to his making an autopsy of a deceased patient at the Pearl River Hospital without having first obtained the consent of the relatives of the deceased, a German doctor was brought to trial at the local court yesterday afternoon.

The doctors from the local court, the Sanitary Bureau and the Municipal Hospital examined the body, which examination was succeeded by the coroner's inquest. As a result, the German doctor and the president of the hospital were summoned before the court.

This being the first trial of a foreigner in the history of the local court, many of the medical and law profession thronged the court to listen to the hearing. However, this being a preliminary enquiry, the presiding judge ordered the court to be cleared.—Canton News Agency.



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STEAMER ON FIRE.

OUTBREAK IN CARGO OF COAL ON CALULU.

A good deal of excitement was created among shipping circles in the harbour yesterday morning when it was noticed that the Austral-China Navigation Company's s.s. Calulu was on fire at No. 3 buoy. Smoke was belching from the No. 5 hold, and the No. 1 fire float, in charge of Mr. G. C. Moss, the Central Station Officer, was alongside attempting to subdue the conflagration, which the firemen eventually succeeded in doing after an hour and a half's work.

The outbreak was first discovered at 6.30 a.m. in the No. 5 hold aft, which contained about 500 tons of coal. The master of the vessel, Captain Thomas P. Blair, was immediately notified, and he had all the officers and crew roused in an effort to check the blaze. There are 13 Europeans and 58 Asiatics on board, and all set to work with a will.

No. 7 Police launch, which was cruising in the harbour, was communicated with and sent on a message to the Central Fire Station for the fire float. The No. 1 boat, with Mr. Moss directing operations, was soon on the scene. Thick clouds of smoke were coming out of the hold and it was difficult at first, owing to the impossibility of entering the hold, to get to the seat of trouble. However, with the assistance of the officers who directed attention to the spot at which the outbreak occurred, Mr. Moss soon got his men fighting the burning coal.

Water was pumped in by means of six hoses, and after an hour and a half's work the officer was satisfied that the outbreak had been quelled. By this time there was about eight feet of water in the hold, and this subsequently, when all danger was over, was pumped out.

Mr. H. T. Brooks, the Superintendent, and another fire float also appeared on the scene and completed the good work done by No. 1.

Fortunately the ship was not damaged, but about 100 tons of coal were destroyed. The fire is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

The Calulu arrived in Hongkong on Monday from Australia via Manila and had 165 tons of general cargo on board for local discharge. She is an old German boat, built in 1907, of 4,399 gross and 2,674 net tonnage, and is registered at Hongkong. She is 330.3 ft. in length, 25.2 ft. in depth, with 51 ft. beam.

THE LEAGUE COUNCIL.

DEPARTURE OF BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY.

London, Jan. 9.

The Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Arthur Henderson, accompanied by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Dr. Hugh Dalton, and the Parliamentary Private Secretary, Mr. Noel Baker, will leave London to-morrow for Geneva, to attend the meeting of the League of Nations Council, which opens on Monday.

Pressure of work at the Foreign Office will necessitate Mr. Henderson's return to London after the first two or three days of the Council meeting.

The Foreign Secretary, who has been actively engaged in preliminary work in connexion with the naval conference, expects to be in London before the delegates to the conference from the United States, France and Italy arrive towards the end of next week.—*British Wireless.*

Moscow, Jan. 9.

M. Bessedovsky has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment on a charge of embezzlement.

A charge of high treason will be further investigated.—*Reuter.*

LOCAL RADIO.

CHINESE CONCERT TO BE BROADCAST.

Leading local artists will assist at a concert which will be broadcast from "Station ZBW to-night." The concert commences at 9 p.m., and will be preceded by the afternoon programme and a Chinese programme which will be broadcast between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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"The Banjo Song," (Homer).

Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone.

"Monastery Bells," (Lefebure Wely).

"The Mill in the Forest," (Richard Ellenberg).

"Hungarian Rhapsody," No. 14, (Liszt).

"La Source Ballet," (Arr. Winterbottom).

The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

"Schoen Rosmarin," (Kyeisler).

"A brown bird singing," (Haydn Wood).

Reginald Foort.

"Over the garden wall," (Henry and Horridge).

John Henry.

"Glockenspiel," (Meale).

"Pastorale," (Gullmann).

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George Baker.

6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme.

7.48 p.m. Weather report.

9.00 p.m. Studio concert.

Programme contributed by the Chinese Glee Club.

1. (a) Hilo March, Messrs. Henry Wong, Quinn Wong.

(b) Kohala March, John and Joe Tsau.

2. Pianoforte Solo, Miss Lillian Chenailloy.

"Liebestraum," (Liszt).

3. Vocal Solo, "Nirvana," (Stephen Adams).

Mr. Alfred Lee (Baritone).

4. Steel Guitar (With Accomp.), Mr. Henry Wong and John Tsau.

5. Vocal Solo, "Rose in the Bud," (Dorothy Foster), Miss Ivy Chenailloy.

(Mezzo Soprano).

6. Hawaiian Music, Messrs. Henry Wong, Quinn Wong.

"Selected," John and Joe Tsau.

7. Violin Solo, Mr. Liu Yat San.

"Adagio," (De Berlioz).

Interval (News bulletin).

8. Pianoforte Solo, Miss Lillian Chenailloy.

"Novelette," (Schumann).

9. King's Serenade, Messrs. Henry Wong, Quinn Wong.

John and Joe Tsau.

10. Vocal Solo, Mr. Alfred Lee (Baritone).

"Thara," (Stephen Adams).

11. Steel Guitar (With Accomp.), Mr. Henry Wong and John Tsau.

12. Vocal Solo, Miss Ivy Chenailloy.

"Land of the Long Ago" (Lillian Ray).

13. Violin Solo, Mr. Liu Yat San.

"Bavarian," (H. M. Hain).

14. Aloha Oe, Messrs. Henry Wong, Quinn Wong.

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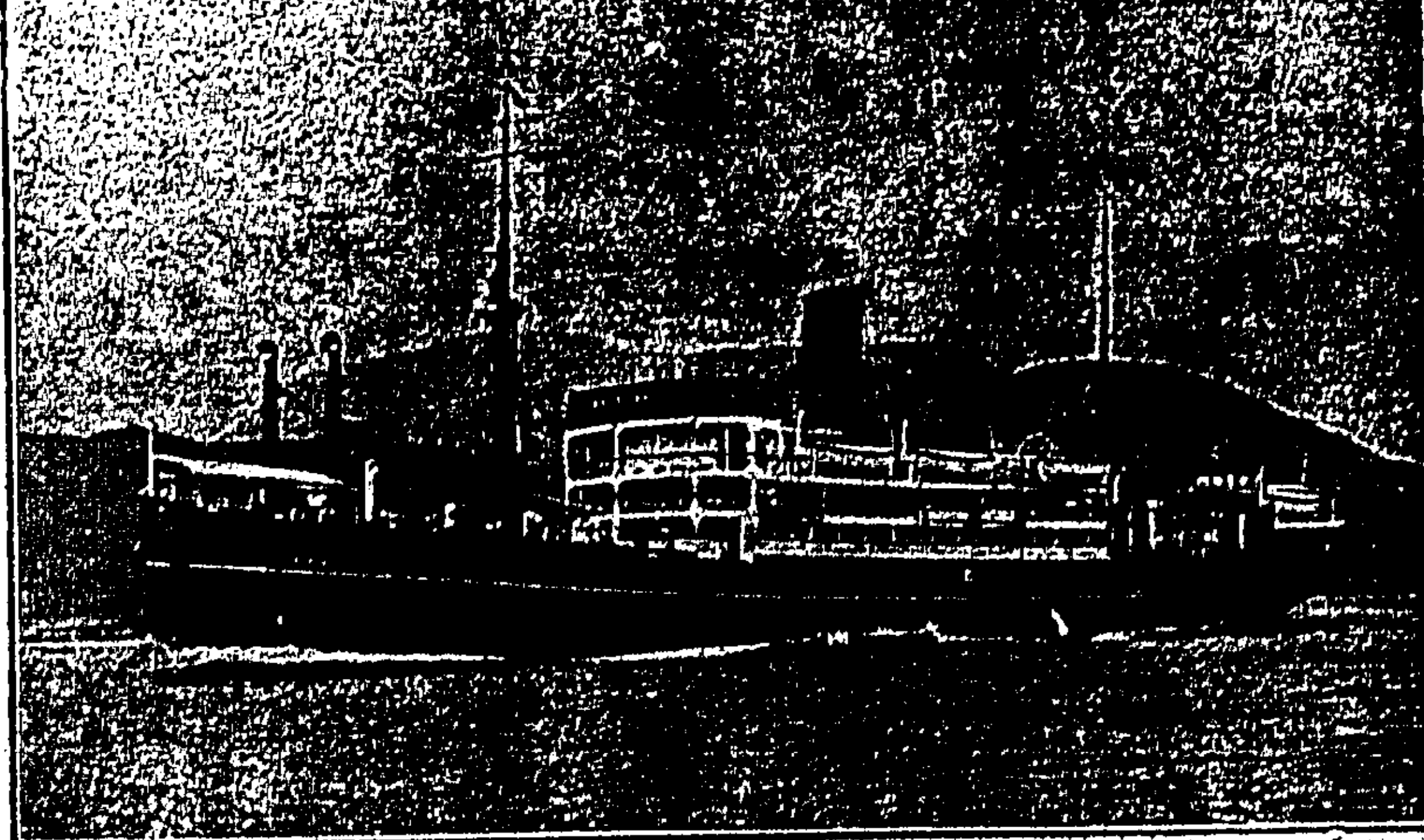
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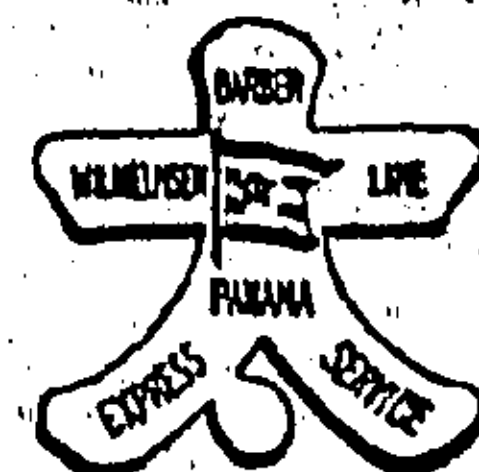
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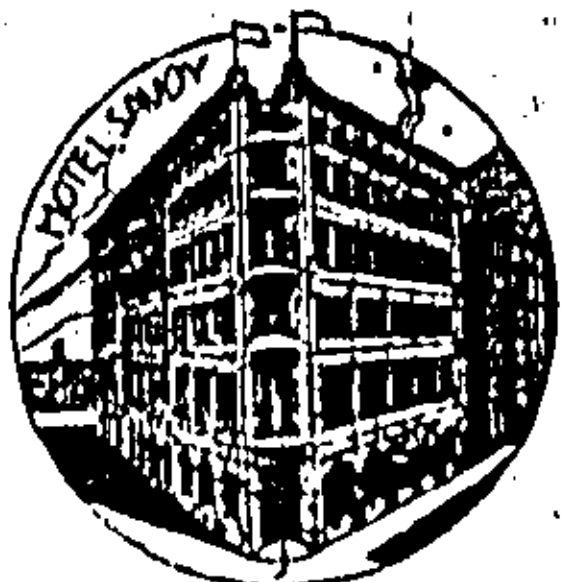
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A COUP D'ETAT AT FOOCHOW.

RAID ON OFFICIAL DINERS
NOT "RED" WORK.

ADMIRAL'S ESCAPE.

Nanking, Jan. 10.
It transpires that the sensational affair at Foochow on Wednesday when an official dinner party was held up by armed men, members of the Provincial Government being taken prisoners, was not the work of Communist bandits as was first reported, but a coup d'etat.

General Lu Hsin-pan, the commander of the newly organised Second Fokien Division, was responsible for the dramatic raid.

Admiral Yang Shu-chuang, commander-in-chief of the Chinese Navy and concurrently Civil Governor of Fokien, was thought to be among the prisoners, but the Admiral has wired to the Government stating that he managed to escape and has reached Nantai, ten miles from Foochow, but that General Lu Hsin-pan is still holding four members of the Provincial Government as prisoners.

The Nanking Government has despatched a warship to Foochow. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has wired General Lu Hsin-pan to release the prisoners immediately.—*Reuter.*

SHOULD EXTRALITY BE ABOLISHED?

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be mutually dealt with before a satisfactory issue could be reached.

Five Guiding Points.

In conclusion it may be suggested that the succeeding five points should guide consideration of the matter:

(1). Business interests which have grown up under the extrality system at the treaty ports cannot be written off at a stroke of the pen. These interests are legitimate and China has nothing to gain by infringing or jeopardising them.

(2). The change in the political atmosphere since existing treaties were drawn up must be frankly recognised by the powers, and every effort made to meet Chinese susceptibilities on the matter.

(3). On China's side, care must be taken that in changing the system her own interests be not jeopardised. It is commonly taken to be the logical result of an abrogation of extrality that China would throw open the country to such foreigners as cared to live in it. The Powers will have to recognise that China is economically too weak to throw her doors wide open. Encouraging and wealthy foreigners could buy up too much of the country for national safety. This is applicable not only to nations of America and Europe, but perhaps more to nearer neighbours of China. This fact, that China will have to restrict the enterprise of other nations, should weigh with her in the consideration of a suitable alternative for extrality, and reconcile her to something less than its complete abrogation. For if there is inequality it is on both sides, and cancels out.

(4). China though she cannot throw her doors wide open yet needs foreign capital if the country is to be developed, and to attract it will have to make such concessions as assure the foreigner in her midst effective security for life and property, and freedom from arbitrary and vexatious conditions.

(5). There is plenty of room for mutual agreement. The nations can, on their side, take into account the Nationalist spirit, and seek to remove the causes of irritation. China must concede something to the historical point of view, face the realities of her own present situation, and protect interests which have grown up in all good faith under the treaties.

Conference and adjustment, not abrogation and confiscation on one side, nor obstinacy on the other, are what is wanted.

THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

TWO NEW MINISTERS
APPOINTED.

Washington, Jan. 9.
President Hoover has appointed Mr. Gilchrist Baker Stockton as Minister to Austria, and Mr. Abraham Ratschsky as Minister to Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Stockton served under Mr. Hoover in the American Relief Administration in Europe after the war, whilst Mr. Ratschsky is a Boston broker and a prominent member of the Jewish community.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AN EARTHQUAKE IN BRITANNY.

STRANGE HISSING IN THE
ATLANTIC.

SEVERE SHOCKS FELT.

Paris, Jan. 9.

A severe earthquake shock, an exceedingly rare experience in this part of the world, was felt throughout the West of France today. First information of the occurrence came from Nantes, a message stating that the shocks were felt for several seconds in Nantes and over a minute in the neighbouring town of Vannes, where chimneys were dislodged.

From L'Orient it is learned that two distinct tremors occurred in the vicinity. The first shock occurred at about 7.45 p.m. and

NEW FEATURE FOR GOLFERS.

To Start in "Telegraph"
on Monday.

The golfing season being in full swing, the *Telegraph* has arranged for the publication of an interesting daily feature dealing with various aspects of the game, which will commence in our issue of Monday next.

Entitled "Settling the Point in Golf," each daily article will deal with a specific issue, upon which players may be somewhat hazy. There will be an illustration accompanying each explanation.

The explanations have been localised and are thus made to apply with full force to the rules which apply on Hongkong's courses. Golfers will find in this series much that is of value and interest.

apparently came from the North-East and from the Atlantic.

The shocks were accompanied by subterranean rumblings, and the first lasted for about three seconds.

People rushed out of their houses into the streets, fearing a collapse.

The second shock, which lasted for two seconds only, was felt soon afterwards.

The quake was felt throughout the whole of Brittany, and there is little doubt that it was centred in the sea. A terrific gale occurred during the evening and sailors and coastguards speak of strange sizzling noises in the sea.—*Reuter.*

ANTI-SOVIET PLOT ALLEGED.

ATTEMPT TO SECURE THE
SUPPORT OF BRITAIN.

FORGED NOTE TRIAL.

Berlin, Jan. 10.
Remarkable evidence alleged in an attempt to secure British support in a plot to overthrow the Soviet by flooding Russia with millions of spurious Soviet banknotes was given by one of the defendants in the trial of two Russians and seven Germans charged with forging notes.

Doctor Weber, a Frankfurt bookseller, and an extreme Nationalist, gave evidence to the effect that while he did not participate in the actual forging of the notes, he and his friends co-operated in an attempt to overthrow the Soviet Government.

He declared that as a result of discussions of this project with General Hoffmann, the German Commander-in-Chief on the Russian Front during the War, a plan was drawn up requiring for its execution nothing more than the signatures of "Official England and her economic leaders."

General Hoffmann and his colleagues, said the witness, had relations with economic and financial circles connected with a well-known oil magnate, and they proposed to interest this group in the Caucasian oil-field in order to get the money necessary to sever Georgia from Soviet Russia. The plan, however, failed owing to "indiscretion" and "leakage of information."—*Reuter.*

Charged with returning from banishment before his term of five years had expired, a Chinese complained that he had been sent to Canton when in point of fact he was a native of Swatow. Not being able to find employment, he had to return.

It was proved that the man had on two previous occasions disregarded the expulsion order. He was sentenced by Mr. Hamilton to twelve months' hard labour.

THE ARCTIC WAVE IN N. CHINA.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND DEATHS
IN SUIYUAN.

HANKOW TRAGEDIES.

Shanghai, Jan. 9.
Further news of the terrible cold spell in North China from Peking states that the newly created Province, Suiyuan, is experiencing the most severe winter or twenty years.

Over 15,000 Chinese have perished on account of the excessive cold this winter. The terrible loss of life is due to lack of fuel supplies and food-stuff following the severe summer drought and the high cost of materials for winter wear.

1000 Corpses In Snow.

Reports from Hankow contain most pathetic stories. During the past week no fewer than 1000 dead bodies mostly of rickshamen have been found in the snow. Over 4000 rickshamen at Hankow have been thrown out of employment by the heavy fall of snow since conditions on streets made it impossible or very risky to proceed by ricksha. Hundreds of these rickshamen are on the verge of starvation.

One rickshaman starving and out of work for many days, put poison into eggs served to himself, his five children and his wife, all the members of the family dying.

PECULIAR STREET ACCIDENT.

WOMAN INJURED WITH
CONNECTING ROD.

A peculiar accident occurred at the junction of Des Voeux Road Central and Jubilee Street (near Central Market) at about noon today, as a result of which a Chinese woman was sent to hospital with an injured forehead.

According to an eye-witness, a fire engine was towing another just outside the Central Fire Station, with a view to backing into the Station, when the steel rod connecting the two engines became unhinged and swung sideways, hitting the woman on the head.

Fortunately she was not seriously injured and first-aid was at once applied by European and Chinese officers from the Station, after which the woman was sent to hospital in an ambulance.

The woman was walking on the curb outside Central Market when the accident occurred. She was accompanied by a child, who, however, was not injured.

SEVERE FLOODS IN MAURITIUS.

SERIOUS DAMAGE TO
WATERWORKS.

London, Jan. 9.
Telegrams received by the Colonial Office from Mauritius report that, owing to a heavy and unprecedented rainfall, severe floods have taken place in Port Louis and country districts since the end of December. The damage to bridges and roads is estimated at Rs. 200,000.

The principal water supply of Port Louis is broken, and repairs to mains are reported to be impossible at present. Immediate steps have been taken for obtaining an increased supply from Mare Aux Vases. This, in conjunction with water from other sources, should prove sufficient. The sugar estates report losses to tramway lines and damages to cane. Weather conditions are now normal.—*British Wireless.*

THE PROHIBITION BUGBEAR.

SPLIT IN COMMISSION ON
LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Washington, Jan. 9.
The Special Commission appointed by President Hoover to inquire into law enforcement in the United States abruptly adjourned today and will not meet again until February 2nd.

It is understood that the members are at a deadlock on the Prohibition question.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DRIZZLE OR MIST.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened slightly and is now central to the N.W. of Shanghai. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N. or N.E. winds, fresh; overcast; some drizzle or mist.

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